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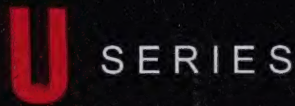


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Mission Statement

Our mission is to deliver an academically rigorous and culturally responsive instructional program that prepares every student for success and builds knowledge, strengthens character, cultivates ingenuity, and fosters leadership.

Vision Statement

Our vision is to build a new educational ecosystem that provides a world-class education for every child in Newark.

Core Values

Children at the Center

Every child is a genius and it is our responsibility to keep their dreams and needs at the center of all decisions.

Commitment to Excellence

We commit to continual, strategic, innovative, and research-based improvement in order to demonstrate excellence at all levels of the organization.

Reciprocal Relationships

We provide opportunities for impactful collaboration within and beyond the organization resulting in student success.

Cultivating Agency

We empower students to become advocates for themselves and for others.

Equity

We disrupt and rebuild every practice, policy, resource distribution, and system that may act as a barrier to opportunities for all.



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A University High School Original

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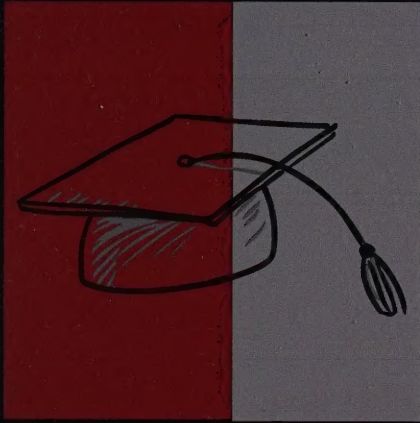


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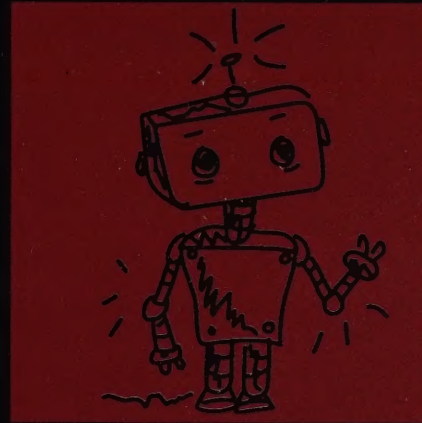
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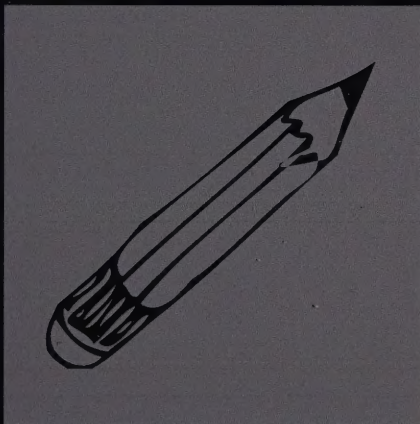
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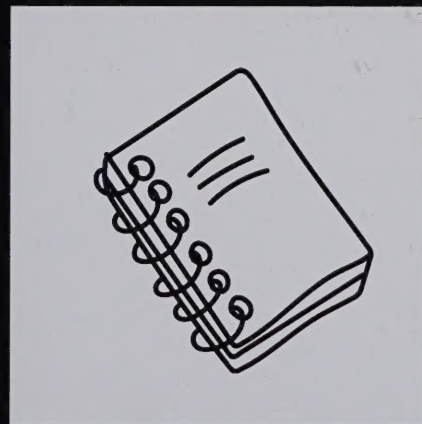
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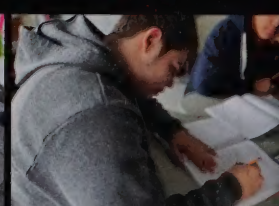
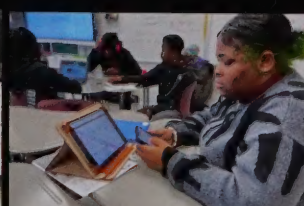
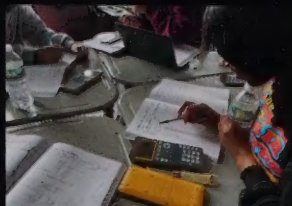
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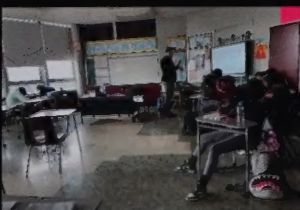
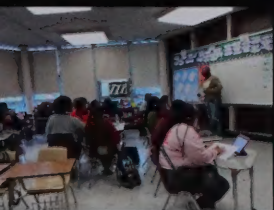


**Class of
2027**

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University High School has historically been synonymous with academic excellence within the city of Newark and beyond. Our goal is to regain the heights for which we were honored and respected throughout the district. To rise again, we will foster within our walls a community of leaders that will hold themselves responsible for their actions and affect a sea of change within our school family that will help transform the city. Our core values of responsibility, integrity, service, and excellence (R.I.S.E) will be consistently practiced, pursued and pervasive throughout the University High School family. Our school symbol, the Phoenix is a mythical bird that defies the expectations of the natural world by rising from its own ashes to soar to greater heights. With a renewed sense of purpose, we will work hard to turn mythology into reality at "The" University High School of Newark, New Jersey.





Letter from the Principal

“Everyone can rise above their circumstances and achieve success if they are dedicated to and passionate about what they do.” — Nelson Mandela

It brings me esteemed pride and gratitude to reflect on our journey together over the last four years. Having had the privilege to witness your growth, perseverance, and accomplishments has been most rewarding. Not only have you built upon the rich history of our school, you have contributed to its legacy much like many of the greats who have come before you; the class of 2024 has ushered in a new era of University High School.

You have risen to become the first class in the history of University High School with graduates who have earned their Associates Degrees and high school diploma in the same year, as a part of our dual enrollment early college program. You have risen to have one of two students to represent New Jersey as a United States Senate Youth Ambassador. You have risen to lead our efforts to expand our athletics programs; becoming the first scholars to engage in golf and boys volleyball. You have risen to become the 5-peat NJSIAA girls basketball state champions and to hold the record for scoring 6 touchdowns in the Zone 6 Classic. In all of this, you have proven that with hard work and dedication, anything is possible.

It has been an honor to serve as your principal and I thank each of you for being the heart and soul of our school. You have shown me the power of relentlessness, kindness, and dreams. As you move forward in your life's journey, carry with you the spirit of the Phoenix, knowing that you will rise above any obstacles as you seek your promising destiny. Do so with confidence, courage, and the audacity to make a difference as you remember our motto, 'Pay it Forward' and pave the way for future generations, inspiring them to achieve their dreams just as you are.

With heartfelt gratitude and love, Congratulations Class of 2024!

Genique Flournoy-Hamilton, Principal

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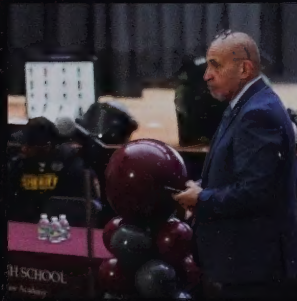
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*Behind every child who believes in themselves
is a principal who
believed in them first.*

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LAW Day



The law academy aims to equip students with a strong foundation in legal principles. We focus on developing critical thinking, reading comprehension, and analytical reasoning skills all essential for success in law school and legal careers. We participate in college classes and have the opportunity to earn college credits and adapt to college work.



Once again this year, under the direction of Dr. Lopez and Dr. Lewis, we hosted our annual Law Day, an opportunity for all law students to participate in a mock trial with Prosecution/Plaintiff attorneys, Defense attorneys, Prosecution/Plaintiff witnesses, Defense witnesses, Bailiff and timekeepers. The event was a huge success as we were honored to have the Honorable Judge Chandra Cole, Presiding Judge, New Jersey Superior Court.

-Ziyonnah Russell





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KRS-One Visits University



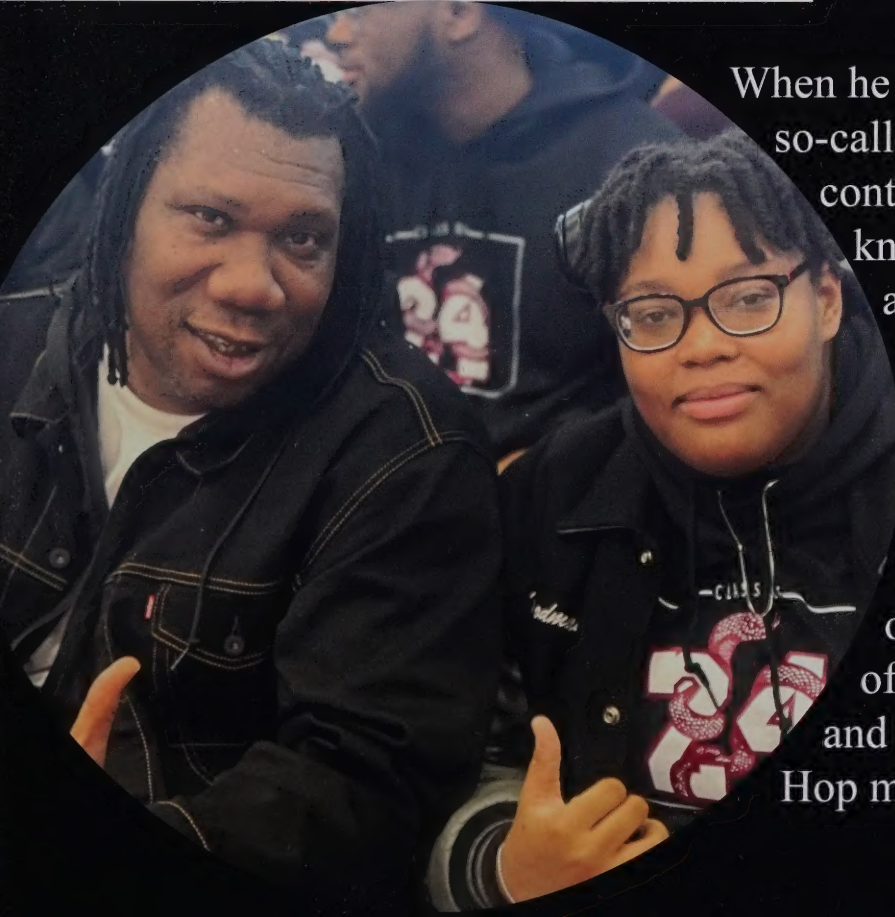
Appearing on the rap scene in 1986 as Boogie Down Productions releasing his first hit single "South Bronx" with his late DJ Scott La Rock, KRS "the one" made it clear that Hip Hop was going to have to take itself a lot more seriously than simply being a music genre.

KRS, an acronym for "Knowledge Reigning Supreme", has been called the "conscience of Hip Hop" (Rolling Stone), "the greatest live emcee ever" (The Source), the "spokesperson for Hip Hop" (Wall Street Journal), "master teacher" (Zulu Nation) and the "son of Hip Hop" (Kool DJ Herc). With 20 published albums to his credit and his numerous appearances with other artists, KRS-One is believed to have written the most rhymes in Hip Hop's history. In the 1990s as "hip-hop" grew more and more commercialized and corporate, it was KRS-One that openly rejected such cultural exploitation and materialism grounding Hip Hop in its original principles of peace, love, unity and safely having fun. Teaching everything from self-creation to stopping violence; from vegetarianism to transcendental meditation, from the establishment of Hip Hop Appreciation Week (every third week in May), to establishing Hip Hop as an international culture at the United Nations (2001), KRS-One has single-handedly held the history and original arts of Hip Hop together now for over two decades.

In addition to lecturing at over 500 universities in the United States and publishing three groundbreaking books; "The Science of Rap" (1995), "Ruminations" (2003), and the Gospel of Hip Hop" (2009), KRS-One has also established the Stop The Violence Movement (1989), influenced the creation of the "West-Coast All-Stars' anti-gang anthem "We're All In The Same Gang" (1990), warned the Hip Hop community against giving up their humanity for technological advancement (H. E. A. L.—Human Education Against Lies-1991), and has established the Temple of Hip Hop for the spiritual exploration of Hip Hop's culture (1996). It was KRS-One who first argued that "rap is something we do; Hip Hop is something we live" and introduced the "I am Hip Hop" philosophy in 1994 which Black Entertainment Television uses as the title of their Hip Hop Lifetime Achievement Award today. Without question, KRS-One has been the loudest voice for the actual preservation and expansion of original Hip Hop worldwide.

"The more you are complimented, the more your value goes up."

KRS-One



When he is not touring or lecturing, on his so-called "down-time", KRS-One continues to share his unique knowledge of Hip Hop to younger audiences eager to hear the 'teacha' speak. Operating as a kind of "pop-up" school, KRS-One's Temple of Hip Hop has appeared in various cities in USA also in the UK and Europe offering the more serious student of Hip Hop an effective way to live and understand the culture of Hip Hop more deeply.

<https://www.krs-one.com/about>

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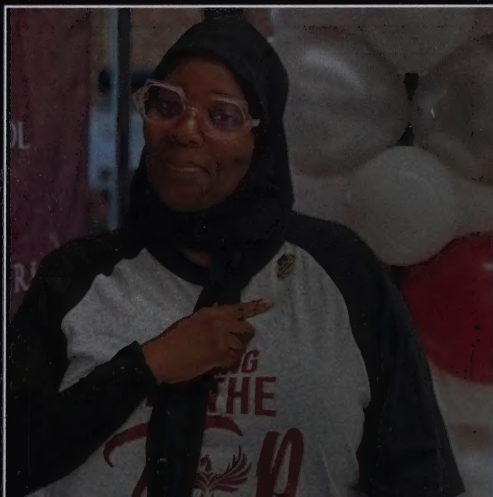
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Helping someone learn is like sparking a fire within them. It's about kindling their curiosity, fueling their desire to explore and understand, and nurturing their commitment to persevere through challenges. Meet the amazing staff members responsible for helping the Phoenix scholars RISE each day. The culture of learning reflects collaboration with scholars, driving them to seek knowledge and grow with every step they take.

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"A good education can change anyone. A good teacher can change everything."

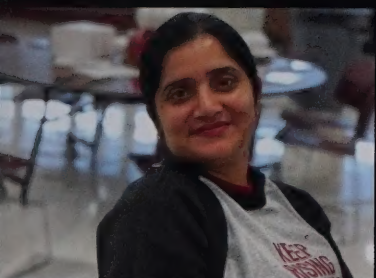
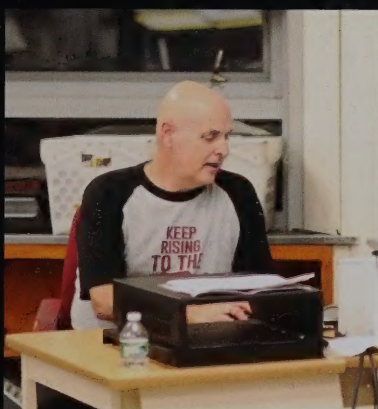
The dedication and diligence of the faculty and staff are evident every day as they strive to create an exceptional environment for the scholars. We notice the commitment to our growth and development; it is invaluable and does not go unnoticed.

Our teachers have a willingness to go the extra mile, which makes a significant impact on our education. Other faculty members like the school nurse, our favorite cafeteria ladies, security officers, custodians, guidance, support staff and administrators also play a huge role in our rise to the top and the school's overall success.

Teachers, faculty, and staff, we acknowledge and appreciate your tireless efforts. It is undeniable that the students rise and the school continues to soar thanks to the unwavering dedication of the faculty and staff.



- UHS, Class of 2024



Faculty & Staff

"Quality means doing it right when no one is looking."

- Henry Ford

Faculty and staff play a crucial role in the lives of young individuals who walk through the school's doors each day. Many of our students face challenges beyond our comprehension, but within these walls it's our responsibility to nurture them, cultivate their growth, provide unwavering support, and guide them on their journey towards realizing their full potential.



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LEADERSHIP TEAM



Genique Flournoy-Hamilton
Principal



Leetwaun Snowden
Vice Principal



Shavon Chambers
Vice Principal



Amir Billups
*Department Chairperson
History, Career and Technical
Education*



Desiree Jones
*Department Chairperson
Science, Foreign Languages*



Teyma Williams
*Department Chairperson
English*



Michelle Wilson
*Department Chairperson
Health and Physical Education,
Athletic Director*

*"Before you are a leader, success is all
about growing yourself. When you become a
leader, success is all about growing others."*

-Jack Welch

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SCHOOL SUPPORT TEAM



Kalenah Witcher
School Psychologist



Mingnon Morton
*Learning Disabilities
Teacher Consultant*



Lawren Monroe
Social Worker



Yolanda Spicer
School Nurse



Sa-Kinah Calder
School Counselor



Maryum Raheem
School Counselor



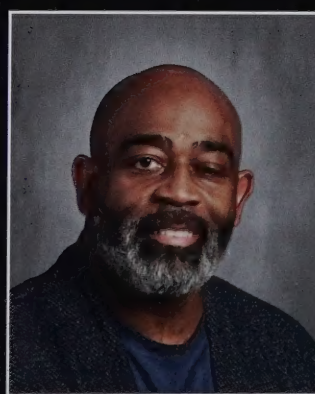
Alexandra Walker
School Counselor



Elijah Allen
Attendance Counselor



Sharee Gordon
Family Liaison



James Andrews
Clerk



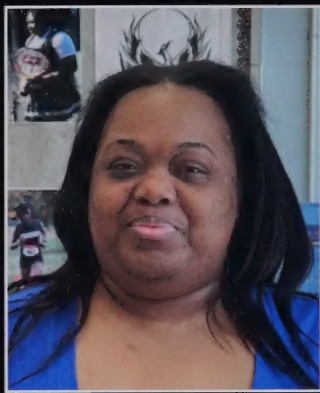
Ashanti Wallace
Clerk

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ENGLISH TEAM



Cynthia Aguilar



Elmyria Gill



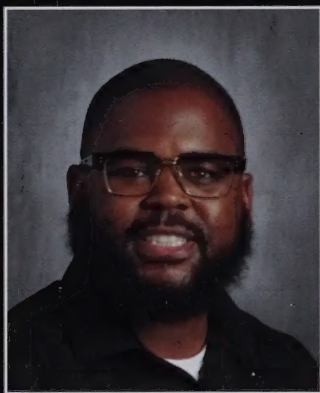
Alyssa Louis



Stephanie Bowles-Jones



Keoni Parson



Ernest Pope



Doretta Sockwell

MATH TEAM



Tracey Ferville



Gabriela Gutierrez



Amritpreet Kaur



Coral Kennedy



Peter Santino



Roberto Suarez

CAMERA SHY

BERNICE VILLALBA, MATH
JAMES LEYVA, HISTORY

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HISTORY TEAM



Susan Febinger



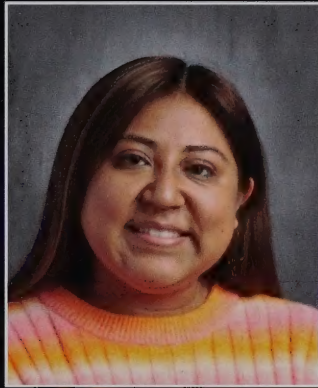
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Grady Johnson



Amelia Pinal-
Gonzalez



Kimberly Rosales

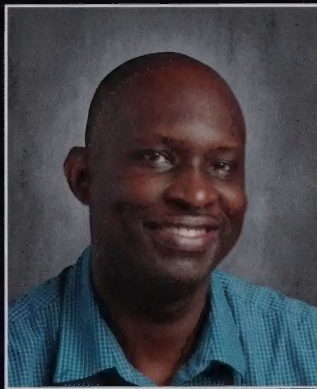


Katelyn Whelan

SCIENCE TEAM



Danielle Kelly



Coi Morrison



Nkoseh Okwuchukwu



Khadeejah Riaz

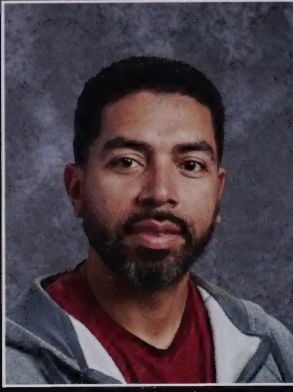
"A good teachers is like the rising sun that comes
to fill the empty and dark minds with the light
of the education."

-Anamika Mishra

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEAM



Mary Dean



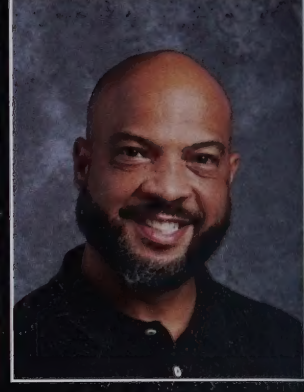
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Stephanie Fego



Tommy Rosario



Kevin Ware

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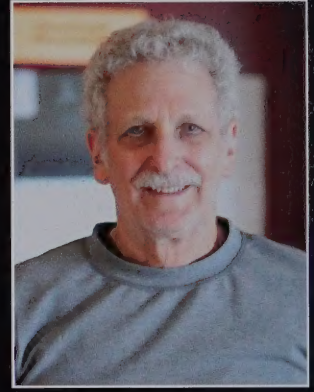
WORLD LANGUAGE TEAM



Roxanna Cangre
Spanish



Amir Guergues
Spanish

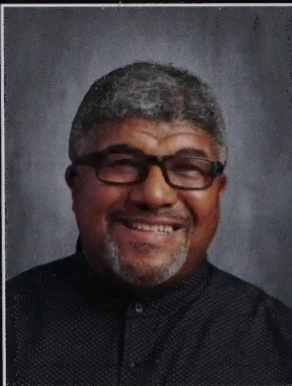


Elliot Ramo
Latin

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION TEAM



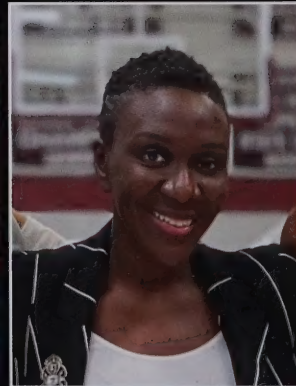
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Teacher Academy



Stephen Bowles
Teacher Academy



Liza Lopez
Law Academy

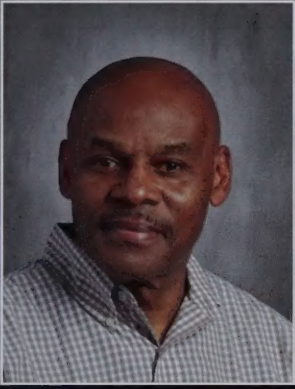


Patricia Louis
Law Academy



Majid Mirza
Computer Science

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS TEAM



Ishwann Dixon
Instrumental Music



Pamela Frazier-King
Vocal Music



Nikkia Neal
Dance

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT TEAM



Xarial Chandler
Per Diem Teacher



Aaliyah Harris-Rice
Per Diem Teacher



Egypt Vernon
Per Diem Teacher



Abbrielle Screven
Per Diem Teacher

CAMERA SHY

TAMARA GREEN, INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT TEAM - PARAPROFESSIONAL

**"A good teacher is like a candle—it
consumes itself to light the way for
others."**

—Mustafa Kemal Atatürk



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ATHLETIC TRAINING



Nicole Johnson
Athletic Trainer

OBSTACLES **DON'T** HAVE TO **STOP YOU**.
IF YOU RUN INTO A WALL, **DON'T** TURN
AROUND AND **GIVE UP**. **FIGURE OUT**
HOW TO CLIMB IT, **GO THROUGH IT**, OR
WORK AROUND IT.

-Michael Jordan

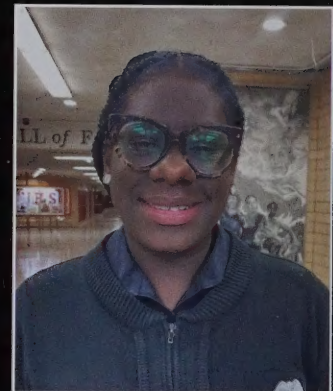
SCHOOL SAFETY TEAM



Qawan Bryant
Security Guard



Sureka Johnson
Security Guard



Nahija Terry
Security Guard



Danielle Mosey
Security Guard



Jiovanna Mount
Security Guard



Kharee Prosser
Security Guard



Yamin Reddick
Security Guard

FOOD SERVICE TEAM



Tah-leeyah Brantley
Senior Cook



Amelia Cummings
Food Service Worker



Lonetta McDonald
Food Service Worker

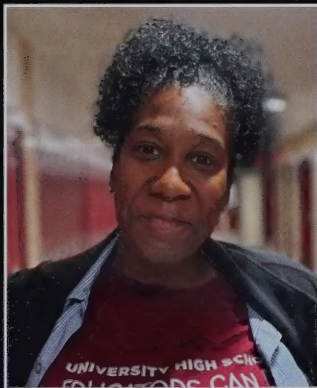


Ya-Keesha McDonald
Food Service Worker

CUSTODIAL TEAM



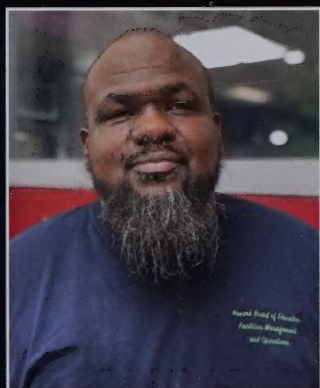
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Senior Custodian
Day



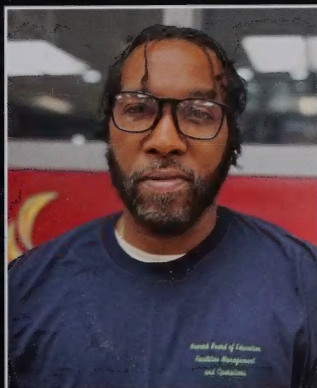
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Custodial Worker
Day



Hassanah Todd
Custodial Worker
Day



Kwesi Abdur-Rahim
Custodial Worker
Night



Robin Bowman
Custodial Worker
Night



Shantez Davis
Custodial Worker
Night

RISE AND GRIND

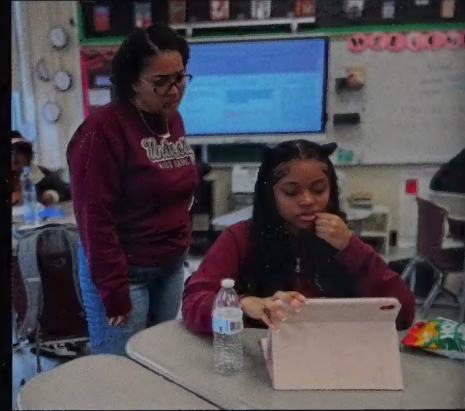
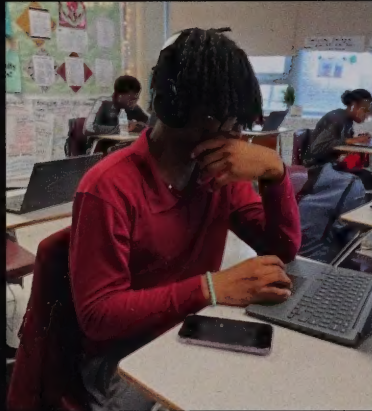
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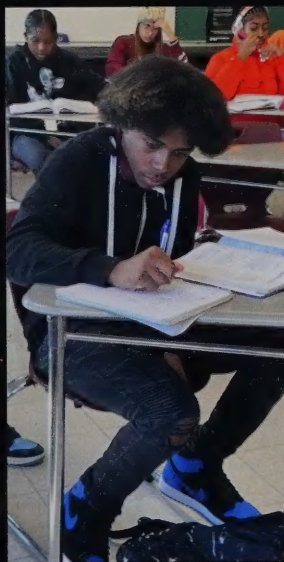
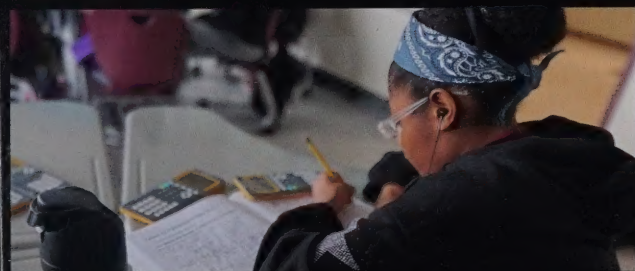
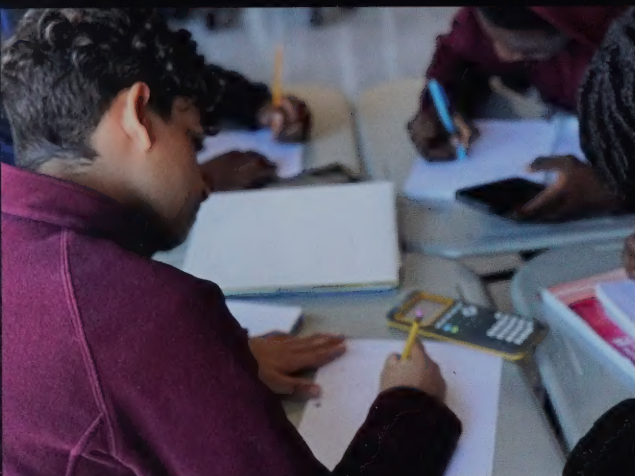
In our classroom, we don't do easy. We make easy happen through hard work and learning.



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**"I AM ALWAYS DOING THAT WHICH
I CANNOT DO,**



"If somebody offers you an amazing opportunity but you are not sure you can do it, say yes – then learn how to do it later!"

-Richard Branson

IN ORDER THAT I MAY LEARN HOW TO DO IT."



Homeroom

Lunch

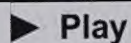
High School

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Teen PEP

The New Jersey Teen Prevention Education Program (Teen PEP) is a statewide sexual health promotion and peer education initiative that enables high school students to make healthy decisions.



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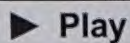


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Overnight Retreat

Teen PEP peer educators participate in an overnight retreat which gives peer educators the information, communication skills, and confidence to be effective sexual health advocates and leaders among their peers.



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Positive Peer Pressure

Teen pep has given me strategies to help create a culture of positive peer pressure at University High School, and show my peers that responsible sexual decisions are valued.

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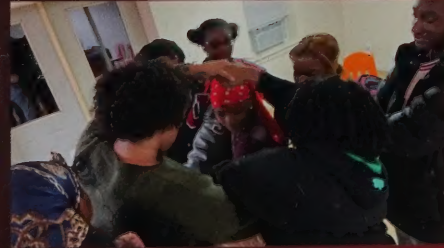
U Series ★★★★★

Teen PEP Workshops

These workshops have equipped us with the knowledge, skills, and motivation to avoid STIs, HIV, and unintended pregnancy.

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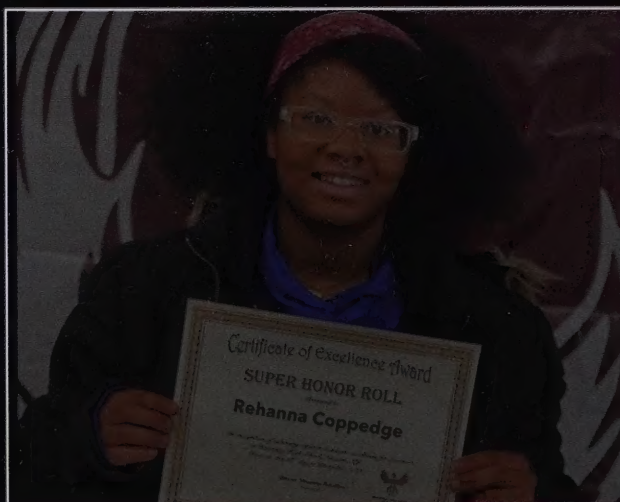
RISE OF THE PHOENIX ►

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To the underclassmen of 2024, we leave you with this old Latin phrase, “Non Scholae Sed Vitae Discimus.” This means: “We do not learn for school, but for life.” So if you are ever struggling with school and wondering what’s the purpose of this experience, think about how you are preparing yourself to RISE, and what you can do to be successful in the long run.

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Certificate of Excellence Award

This is to certify that

Brisleidy Nunez

Has Achieved

SUPER HONOR ROLL

*In recognition of achieving superior academic excellence for Quarter 2
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Genique Flournoy-Hamilton

Principal



Certificate of Excellence Award



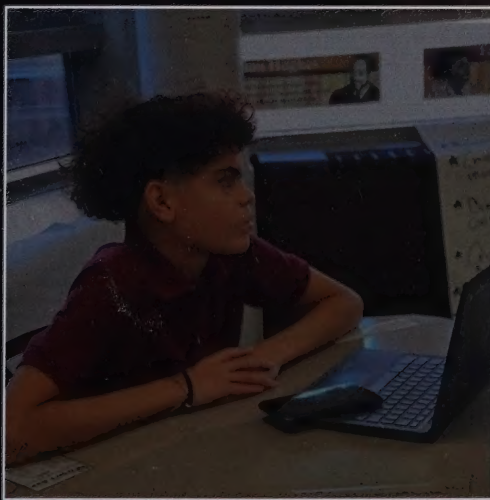
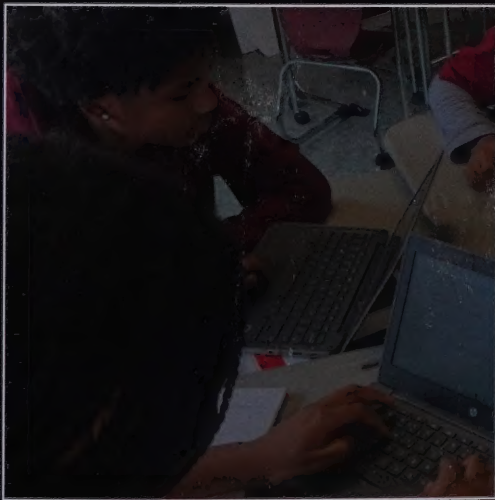
HONORABLE MENTION

Presented to

Alyssa Smith

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Genique Flournoy-Hamilton
Principal



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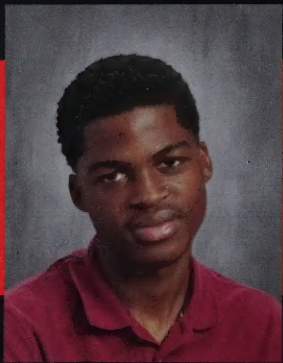
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Solim Agbada



Sarah Alphonse



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Raevin Armstrong



Anastasia Artis



Sajada Austin



Zaniyah Austin



Erik Bautista-San
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Najae Baxter



Rihanna Bell



Amaya Berry



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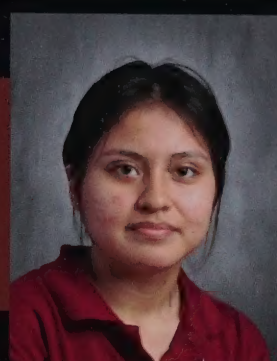
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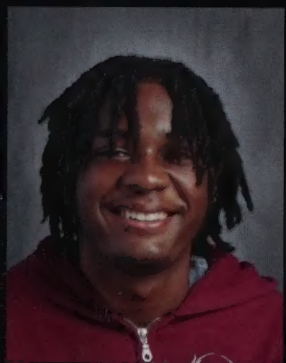
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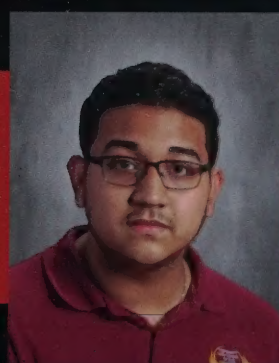
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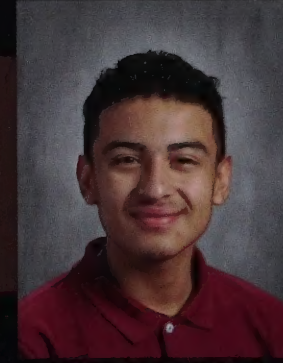
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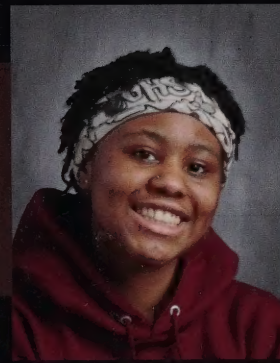
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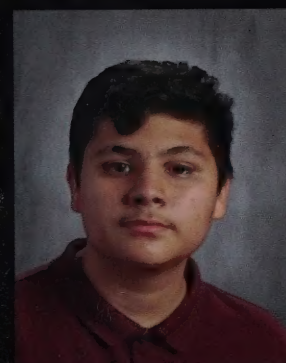
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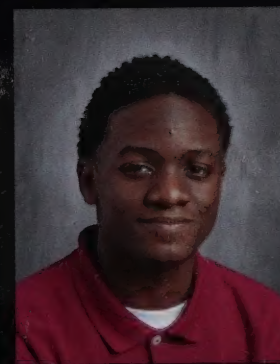
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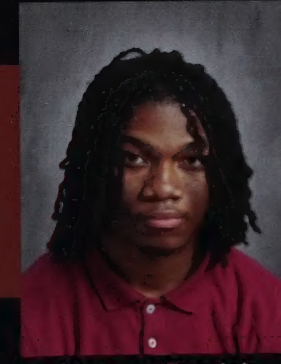
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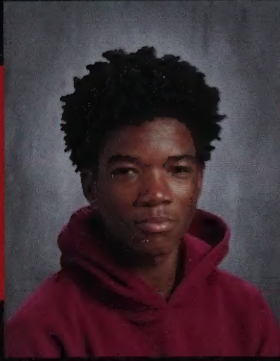
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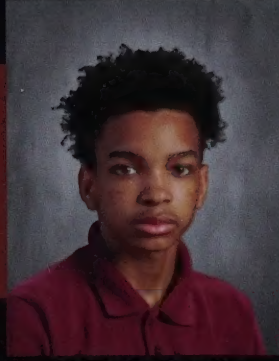
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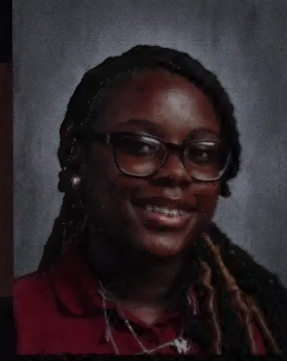
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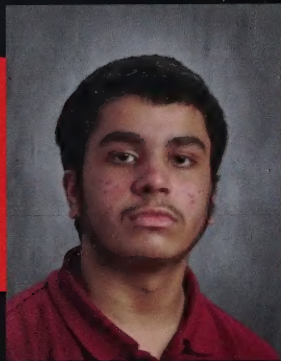
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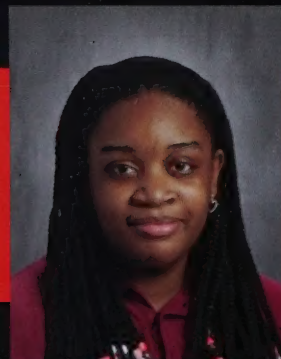
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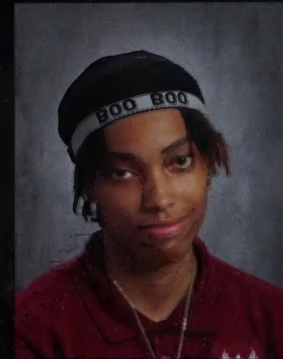
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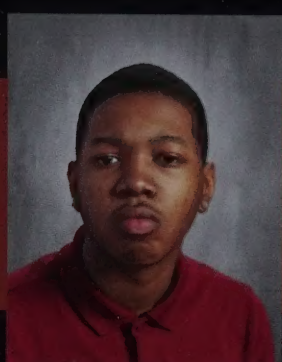
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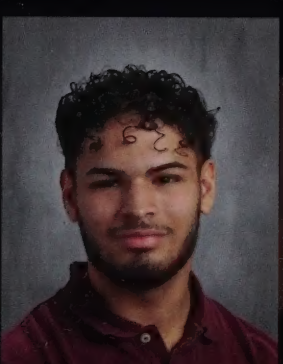
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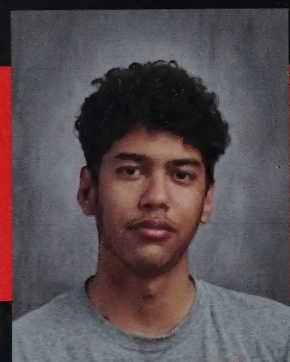
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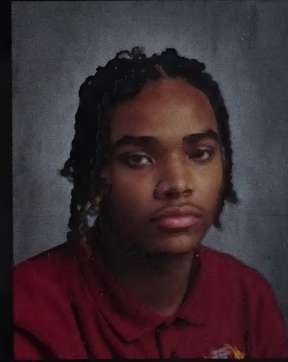
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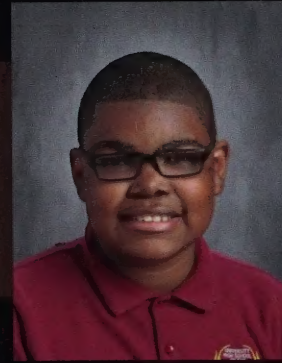
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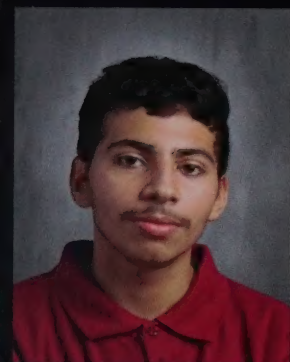
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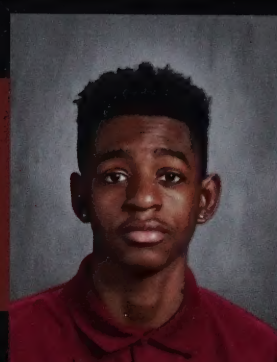
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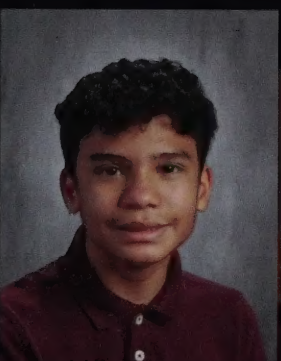
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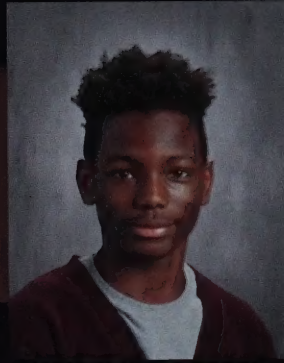
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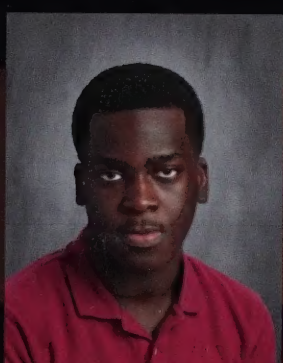
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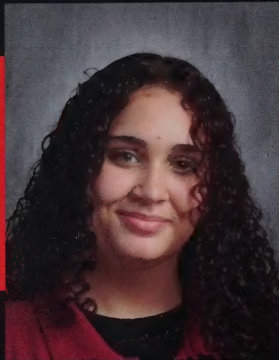
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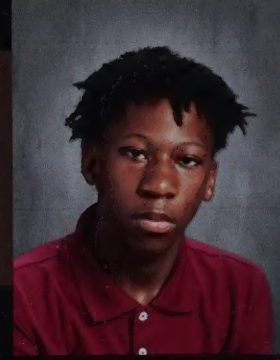
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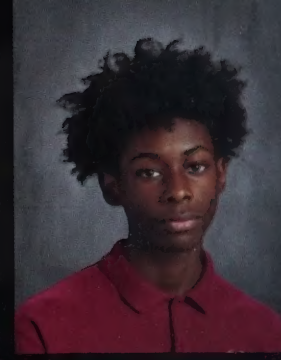
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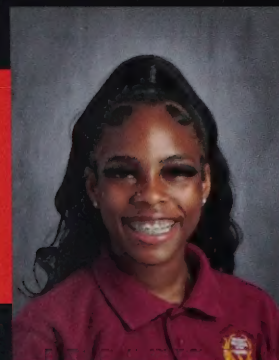
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*Use this time
to prepare for
your future
and make the
most of every
moment.*

High School Years... II

You get to be around friends, sharing joy, laughter, and unforgettable moments. These are times to cherish because they come only once in a lifetime. So, embrace this period without regrets—become great learners, enjoy the camaraderie, and while there is some stress, it doesn't compare to the responsibilities of adult life.



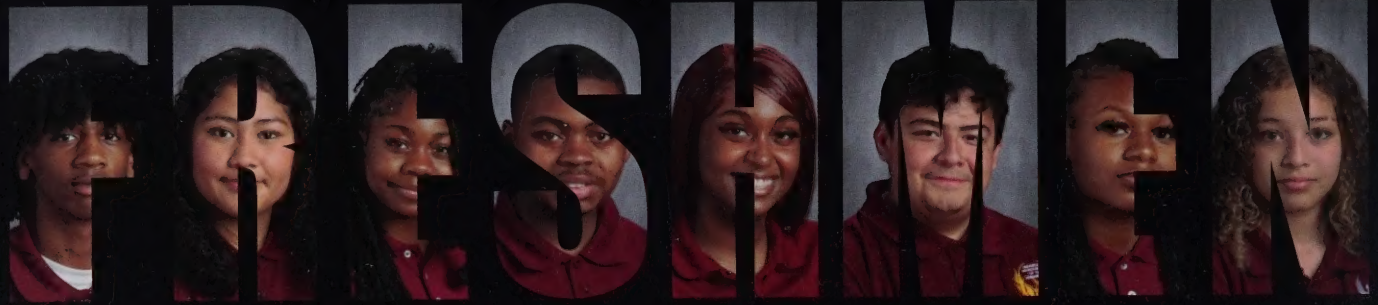
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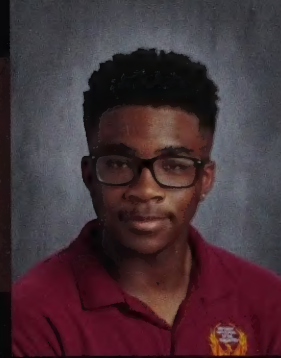
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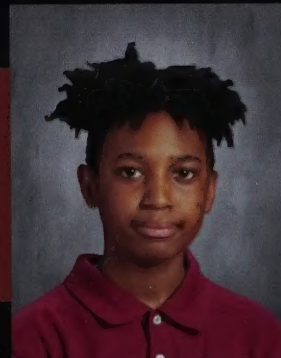
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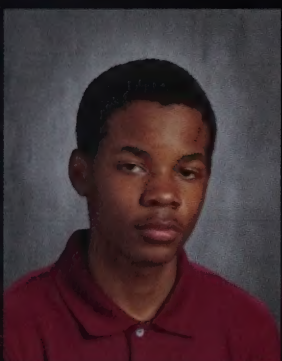
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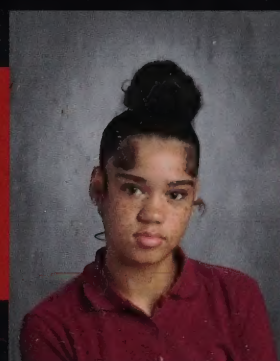
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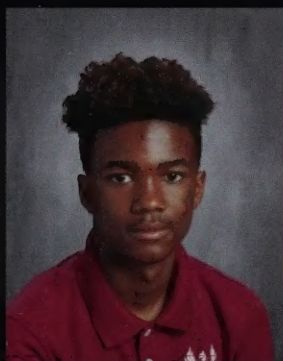
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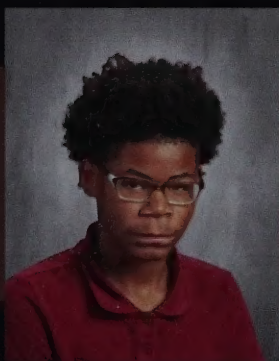
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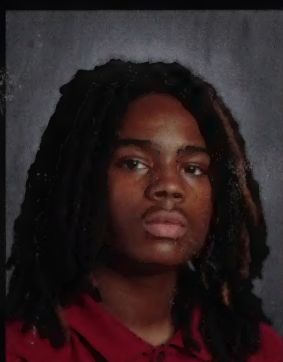
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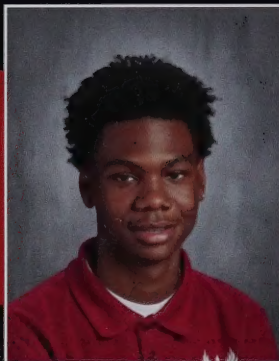
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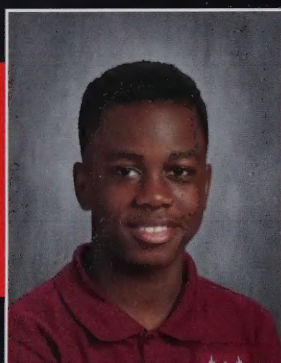
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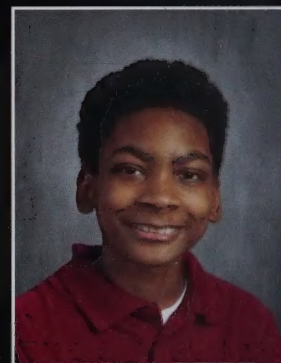
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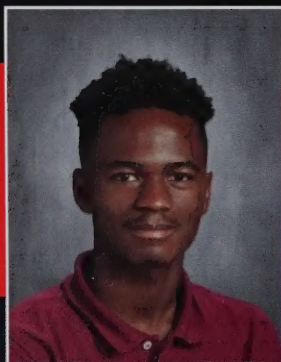
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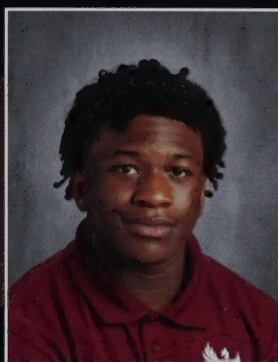
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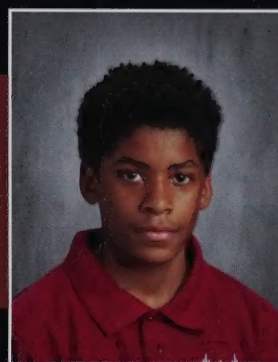
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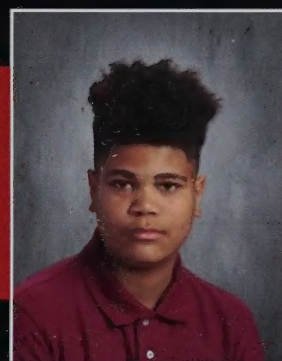
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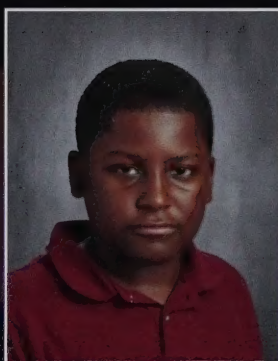
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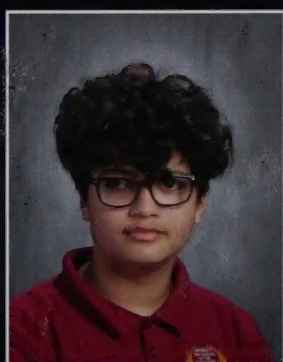
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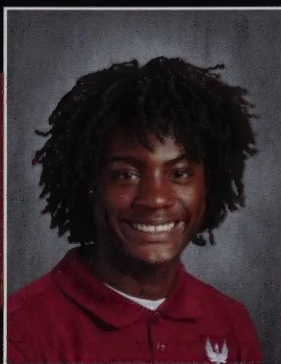
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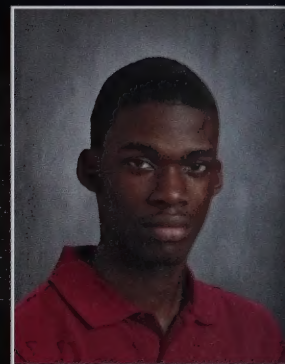
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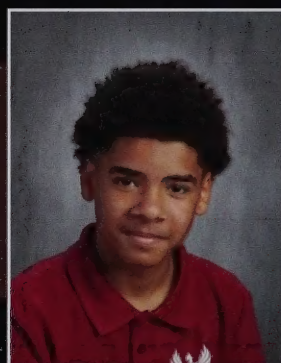
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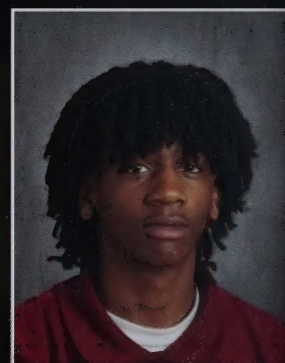
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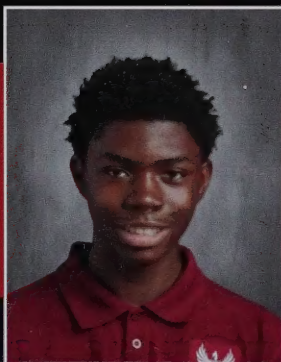
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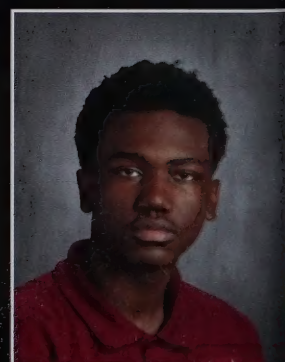
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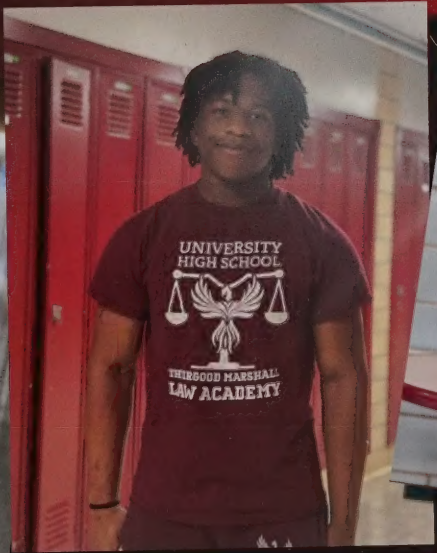
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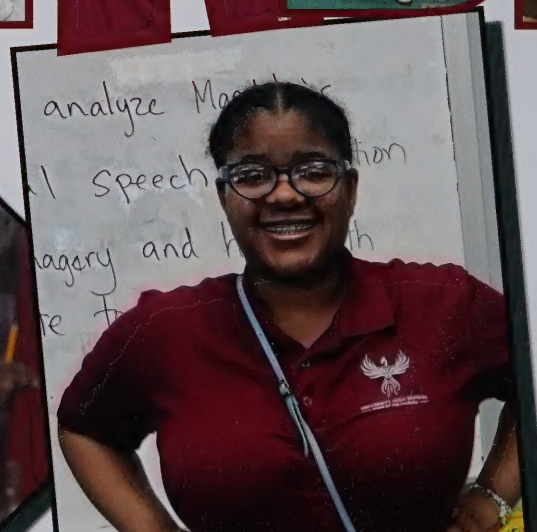
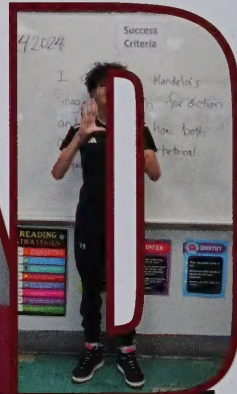
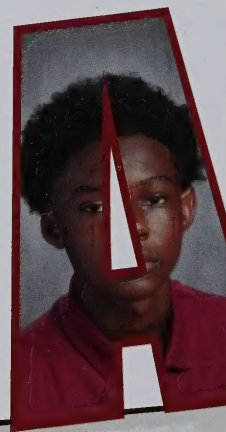
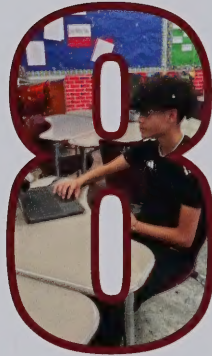
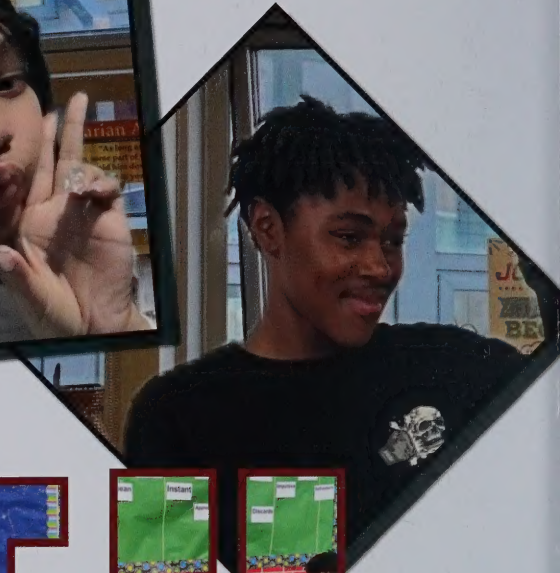
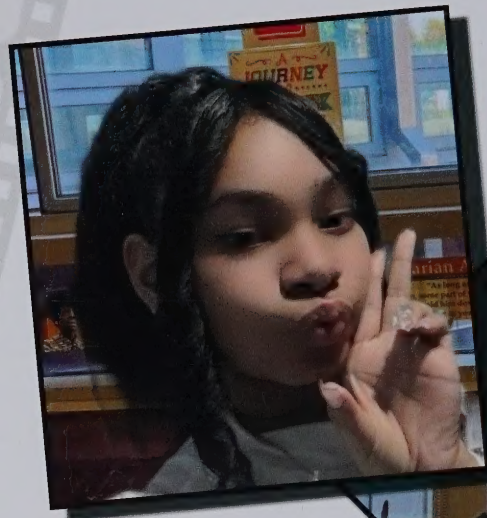
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If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours.
- Dolly Parton





Jada Corbett

Favorite Color: Pastel Blue

Favorite Movie: My Little Pony Movie

Favorite Hobby: Drawing

Favorite Character: Mayoi Ayasei

Favorite Food: Salmon



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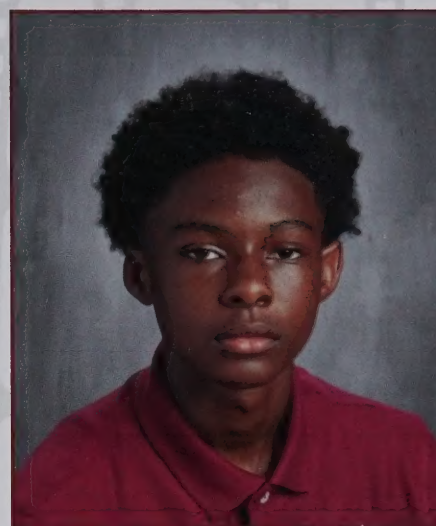
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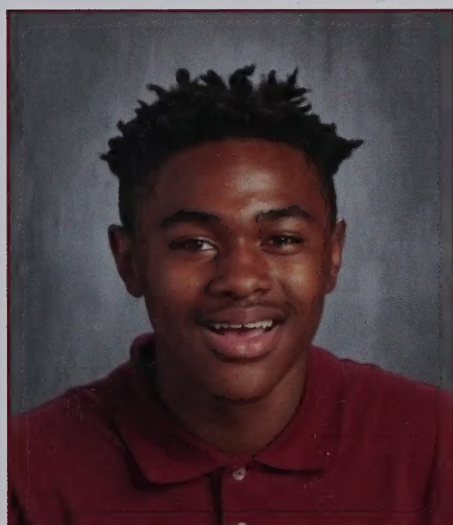
Favorite Food: Burger and Fries



Ishmael Pray

**MIRROR
MIRROR
ON THE
WALL, I'LL
GET UP
AFTER I
FALL. AND
WHETHER I
RUN, WALK
OR HAVE
TO CRAWL,
I'LL SET
MY GOALS
AND
ACHIEVE
THEM ALL.**

- CHRIS BUTLER



Nasin Roberson-Wimberly

Favorite Color: Black

Favorite Movie: Toy Story 4

Favorite Hobby: Football

Favorite Character: Forky

Favorite Food: Chicken



Leilani Rodriguez

Favorite Color: Royal Blue/Emerald Green

Favorite Movie: One Day at a Time

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Favorite Food: Pastales



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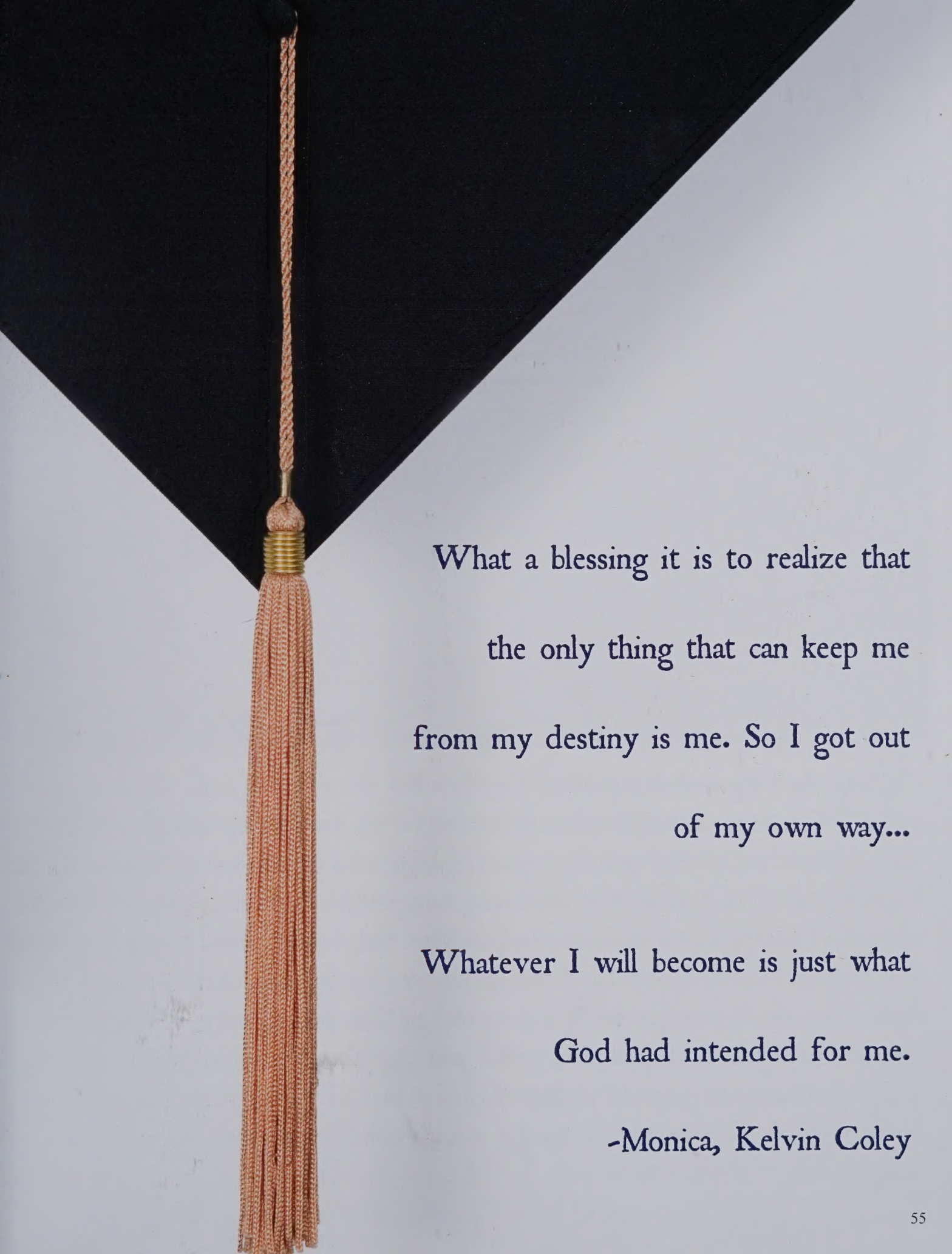
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“A bright future beckons. The onus is on us, through hard work, honesty and integrity, to reach for the stars.”

— Nelson Mandela



CAMERA SHY



What a blessing it is to realize that
the only thing that can keep me
from my destiny is me. So I got out
of my own way...

Whatever I will become is just what
God had intended for me.

-Monica, Kelvin Coley



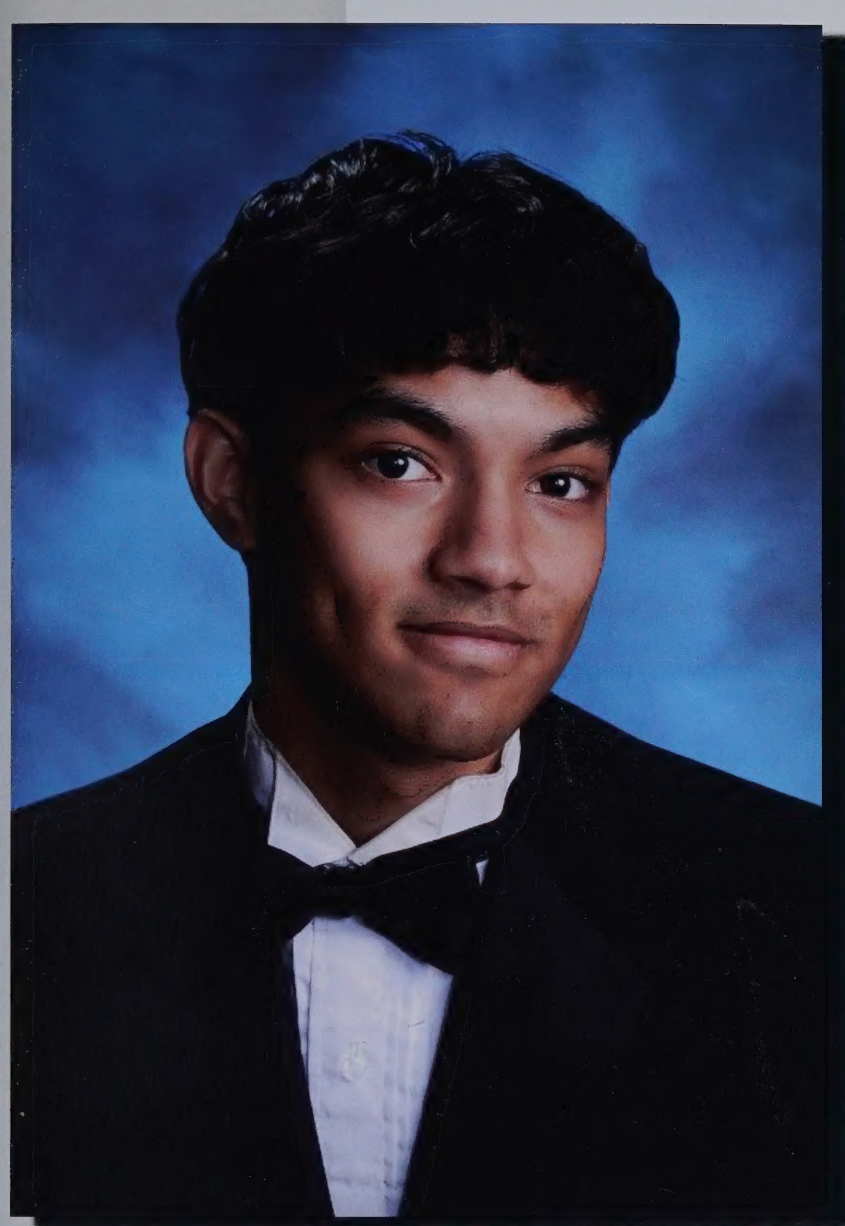
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School**

Class of 2024

It's hard to believe that our time together has come to an end, but I'm grateful for the memories and experiences we've shared. It's crazy to think back to how we started our first year of high school in front of a screen, but I am proud of us for all that we have accomplished up to this point. We've learned so much, not just from teachers, but from each other. I want to thank our teachers and staff for their dedication and hard work. And to my fellow classmates, thank you for being a part of my high school journey. High school was an unforgettable experience, and I will cherish our memories forever. As we go our separate ways, I wish you all the best in your future endeavors. I know we will continue to rise to the occasion and I can't wait to see all we will achieve.



Ahnaf Chowdhury

Salutatorian

**University High
School**

Class of 2024

What a hectic four years it has been! We have all gone through highs and lows, and all of it passed within a blink of an eye. When I came into my sophomore year, I dreaded everything; I wanted to get out of school immediately, but getting to know you guys and be friends made me genuinely like coming to school. All of you have helped me excel in some way, whether it be academically or mentally. I won't lie; I will definitely miss all of you, but I know for a fact that you'll be fine in life. I was once told by a friend of mine, "You live your best life, living out your comfort zone." That saying always stuck with me, and I took it as inspiration. I hope you guys can also be motivated by those words, but take a saying of my own: "Bad days will always come, but so will good days." Do not fear what's in the future and just focus on the present. All the best, Class of 2024.



Amir Abdullah



David Allen



Kyreese Allen



Jaziah Austin-Cabrera



Mirabel Babanawo



Darrell Barrow



Anny Batista



Tatiyanah Bell



Yamia Bermudez



Hassir Black



Estrick Bobb



Eniola Bolaji



Devion Bryant



Elijah Byron



Treasjour Caldwell



Sekquence Campbell



Kamara Cave



Victor Celi



Kelvin Coley



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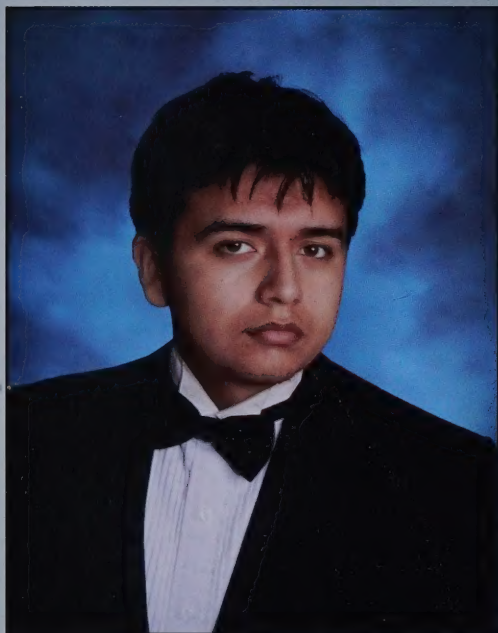
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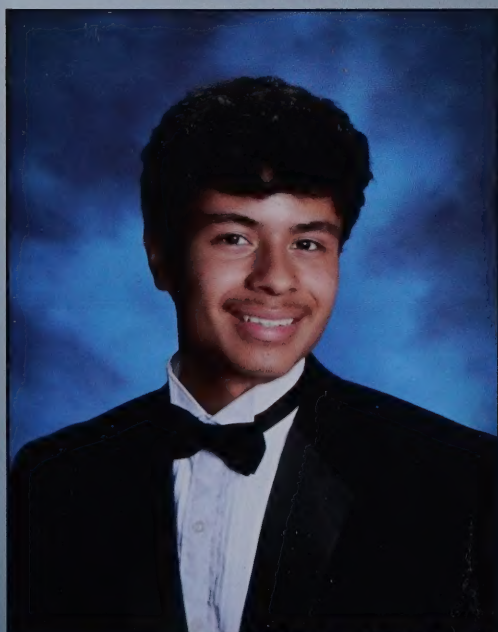
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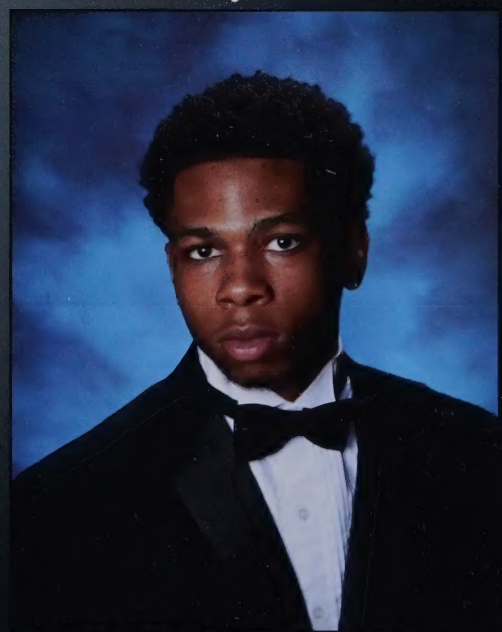
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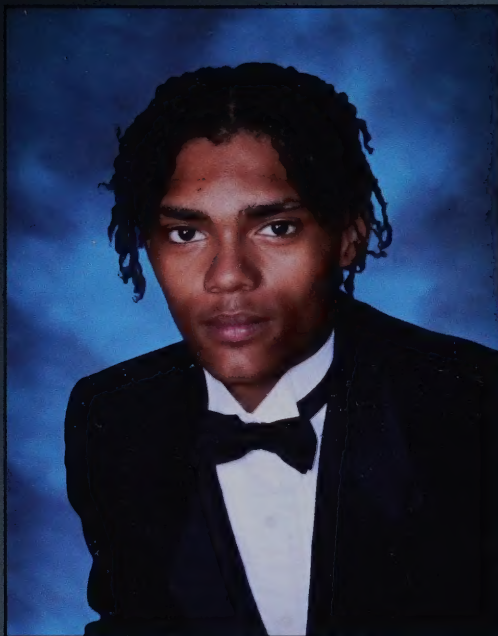
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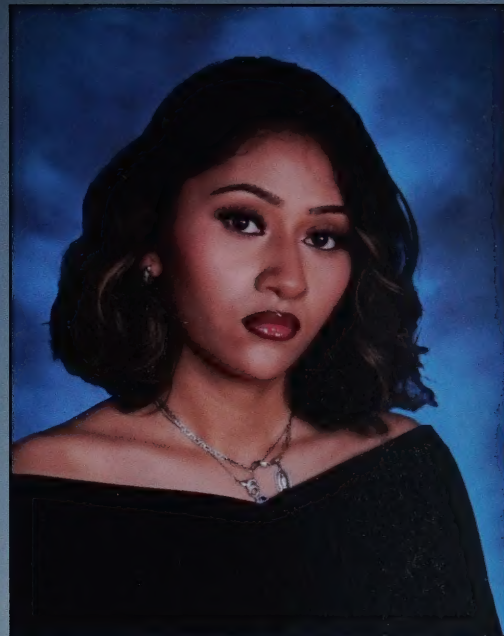
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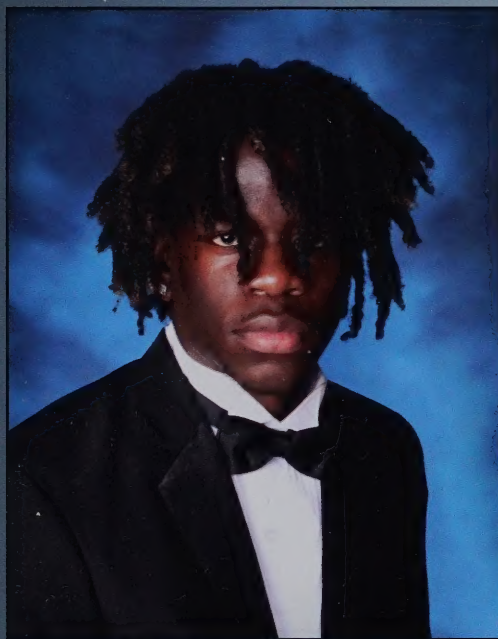
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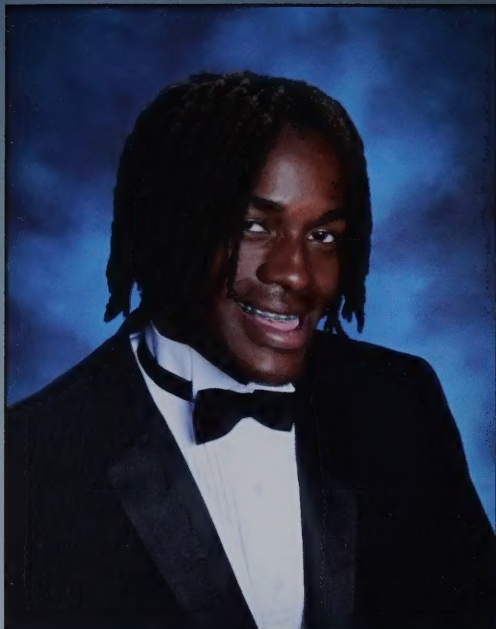
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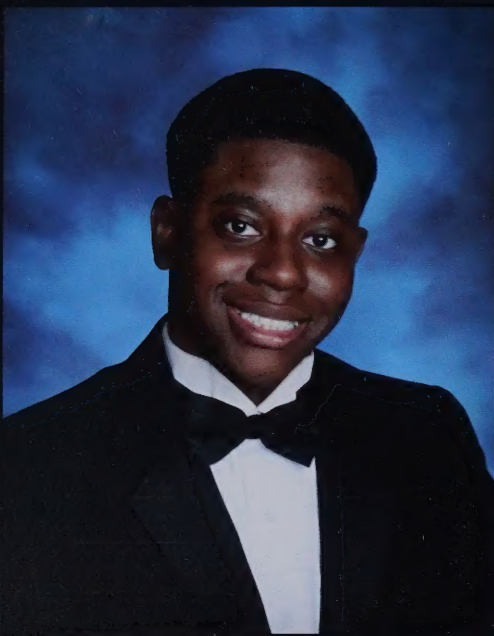
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Alyssa Quinerly



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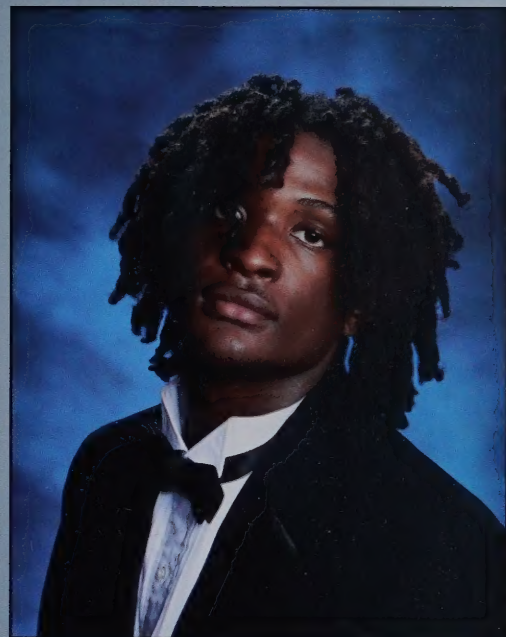
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Rahmire Sanon-Kelly



Madison Santiago



Ihjuan Shabazz



Janaa Stewart



Sheick Swaray



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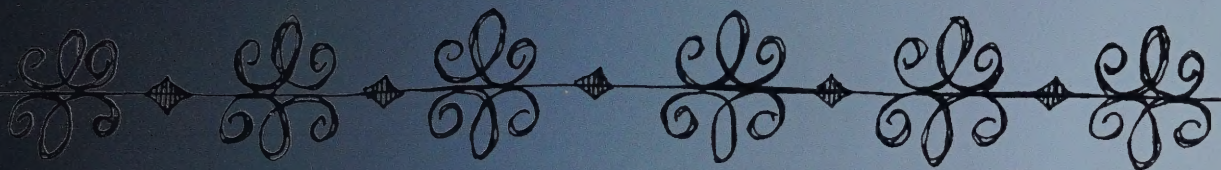
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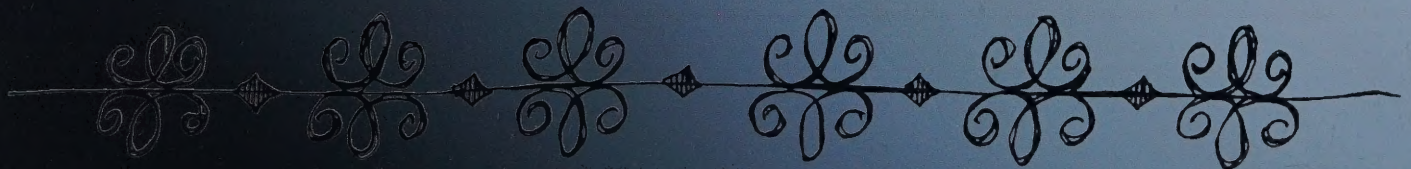
Taaliyah Winstead



Kasey Zelaya



*Everyone can rise above their
circumstances and achieve success if they
are dedicated to and passionate about
what they do.*



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Tyrique Beard

Mariama Cisse

Jayden Harris

Sincere Henderson

Memory Nwamara

Egypt Robinson-Allah

Nazoni Walton-Pritchett

Fabian Quispilema

Timothy Williamson-Cathcart

When I was asked to reflect on my high school journey, the first thing that came to mind was how we stayed home during freshman year due to COVID. We had to learn virtually, which was a big change from 8th grade. Sitting at home, attending online classes, and listening to lessons through a computer all day was an adjustment for me. Internet issues and system problems made that year even harder.

Arriving at University, I found it challenging to switch from sitting home and turning on the camera to raise my hand. But then I transitioned to in-person learning and got to walk the halls of University High School. Finally, I could experience what high school was really like. Meeting teachers in person and adjusting to being around others again made me nervous, especially after the isolation of COVID.

I was fortunate to have one friend, Sheick, from my previous school, but I had to make new friends, join sports, and meet new people. I was ready to rise to the challenge. Being in the building allowed me to enjoy the camaraderie of the community. Listening to administrators and sitting with friends during assemblies or convocations made me feel less alone. Everyone was adjusting, just like me.

I joined the football team at Weequahic High School, which was my first time playing a sport. I loved the team atmosphere and the sense of brotherhood. This positive experience motivated me to join other sports, and I ended up participating in both indoor and outdoor track and field.

Now, as graduation approaches, I am excited to move forward. My time at University has given me a true high school experience, and these last two years have been incredible. I am grateful for all the growth and memories.



- Alvin Soto-Veras,
University High School, Class of 2024

Class



Ranking

*Neldine Pierreville*

"Getting to the top is not so easy. Staying there is more difficult."
— Husnu Ozyegin

*Ahnaf Chowdhury*

"Bad days will always come, but so will good days."
— Anonymous

*Mirabel Babanawo*

"What doesn't kill you makes you stronger."
— Friedrich Nietzsche

*Kasey Zelaya*

"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."

— George Bernard Shaw



Yamia Bermudez

"There are no speed limits on the road to success."

— David W. Johnson



Ian Interiano

"Instead of looking back at how many times you've fallen, look back at how many times you've gotten back up."

— Anonymous



Noelia Contreras-Galdamez

The day you graduate from childhood to adulthood is the day you take full responsibility for your life."

— Darren Hardy



Hashim Muhammad

"Complacency is the enemy of progress, so never become satisfied."

— Dave Stutman



Sa' Nyeah McLendon

"Success is not a destination, it's a journey."

— Zig Ziglar



Uriah Price

"Failure inspired winners. Failure defeats losers."

— Robert T. Kiyosaki



National Honor Society



Madison Santiago



Neldine Pierreville

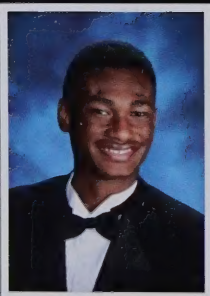


Sa'Nyeah
McClendon

National Honor Society (NHS) membership has been the true mark of student achievement for over 100 years, but it goes far beyond a report card. By empowering, championing, and recognizing well-rounded students, NHS provides schools with a values-based framework to elevate a culture of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

NHS chapters operate in all 50 states and many schools around the world, engaging and serving more than one million students.

Reflecting school leaders' profound commitment to student leadership development, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) founded NHS in 1921 based on the four pillars of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. In addition to NHS, NASSP founded and manages National Junior Honor Society (est. in 1928), National Student Council (est. in 1931), and National Elementary Honor Society (est. in 2008).



David Allen



Mirabel
Babanawo



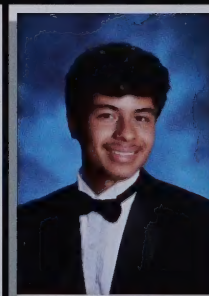
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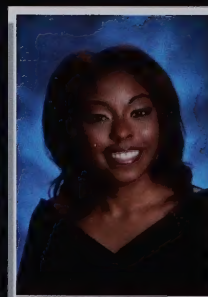
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Ashlee Nolasco



Chermiya Pope



Uriah Price



Kasey Zelaya

THE SKY REMAINS YOUR LIMIT



Dear Class of 2024,

As you prepare to embark on your journey beyond high school I encourage you to reflect on the unique experience that no other class will ever be able to say is a part of their legacy.

As freshman, you began your high school career in the virtual space and were a part of the new digital classroom. Despite the challenges of this unprecedented time, each of you showed resilience and found ways to connect with your teachers and peers.

Over the next three years, you have navigated various courses, joined an extensive amount of sports as well as shined in a variety of clubs. The class of 2024 has chartered many firsts here at University, and your accomplishments will continue to open doors for the classes that will come after you.

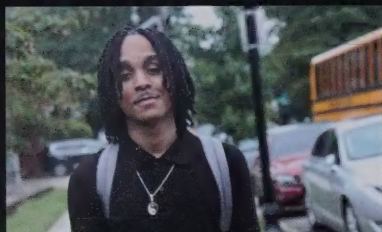
As you enter the next phase of your journey, remember to seize the opportunity to make each day count and rise with consistency. The sky remains your limit! Congratulations!

*Best Wishes,
Dr. Chambers*

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STUDENT LIFE

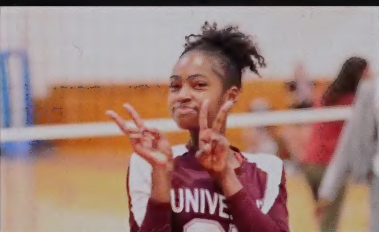
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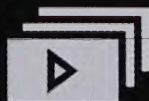
The class of 2025



The class of 2026



The class of 2027



Student Life Episodes



Senior Class [2024]

Working hard to
"Keep Rising to
the Top!"



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Show Info



Thurgood Marshall HBCU
Scholarship Award
Recipients
(Chermya P., Kelvin C.,
and A'Kela H.)



Yogi Berra/Super Essex
Conference Best
Teammate of the Year
(Mirabel B.)



Princeton University
Prize in Race Relations
(David A.)



Montclair State University Red
Hawks Rising Teacher Academy
(Azurra W., Nyasiah W.,
Chelsea M.)



Mentorship with the 3 Doctors
Foundation (Zahnay G.)



2024 Unsung Hero
Award Recipient
(Ziyonnah R.)



NJSIAA Scholar Athlete
of the Year
(Kyreese A.)



Essex County Scholar
Athletes of the Year
(Rashawn M. and Kerry G.)



National Girls and Women
in Sports Day Award
Recipient (Imani P.)

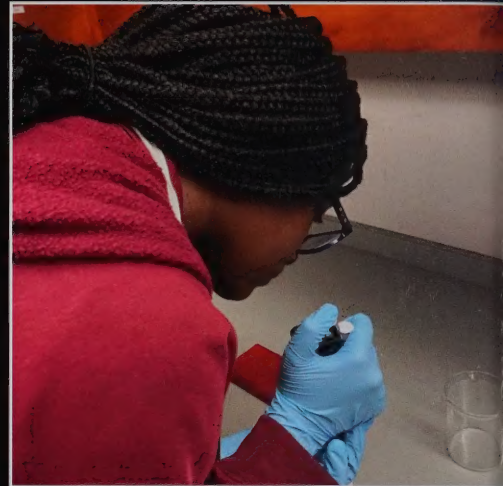


S.L.A.M.

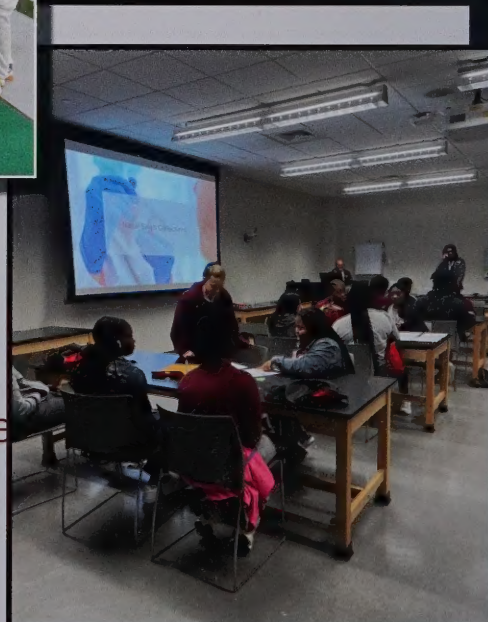
Students Learning About Medicine



Members of S.L.A.M. attended the Statewide Teen Summit on Saturday, March 16th. They were educated on the dangers of tobacco and what steps can be taken to share information with the community.



S.L.A.M. is a program that actively engages students in order to expose them to many areas of medicine in an interactive and informative way. The principle goal is to increase interest in health and science professions and to encourage students to pursue careers in these fields.





The Core of Speech ▶

"The orated and performed material in the speech program have led to the success of many current and former students who participate."

Finding the voice to address the most pressing and difficult issues of the modern world is among the hardest tasks to accomplish. Even more so, exploring a way to bring those issues to light in an entertaining and thought provoking manner should leave your audience forever changed.

That is the core of Speech. It serves as a platform for youth of all ethnic and cultural backgrounds to unite under an umbrella of excellence. The orated and performed material in the speech program have led to the success of many current and former students who participate. Those who find themselves excelling in Speech will have doors to career opportunities opened to them faster than they can ever imagine. Many famous actors started their careers in the speech program, including but not limited to Oprah Winfrey, Paul Rudd, Jared Padelecki, and Chadwick Boseman.

As only a first year speech student, I have garnered a national reputation amongst those who are informed about the activity. The improvements in my confidence were all too apparent to those around me. Under the masterclass coaching of Saul Grullon, I have soared beyond the stars, winning multiple awards,

and been presented with scholarships to Saint Joseph's University, George Mason University, and Hofstra. And I have no intentions of settling for anything higher than the stars.

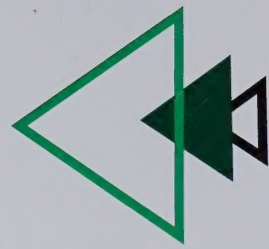
On top of everything, myself, our very own Michaela White, a junior in the class of 2025, and Dante Elliot, a freshmen in the class of 2027, have qualified to attend the NSDA nationals tournament taking place in Iowa at the end of the school year.

From significant accolades at the Princeton Classic Tournament, The 49th University Of Pennsylvania Tournament, The Harvard National Speech and Debate Tournament, and the Tournament Of Champions, the University High School speech team has dominated in just our first year of competing.

Upon first glance, Speech may appear to be any other performing arts program one would find at their school. However the prestige, recognition, awards, and the benefits that come from being on the speech team make it one of if not the best activities anywhere, and everyone is privy to it. I owe my success almost entirely to the speech team, and especially my coach, Mr. Saul Grullon.

- Malakai Yepes,
Class of 2025

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Essex County College

Dual Enrollment



Regaining My Balance and Confidence

Abrianna Joseph

My journey at University High School and Essex County College has been a rollercoaster of challenges, growth, and ultimately, triumph. Balancing coursework, with trying to grow a passion for sports, tested my time-management skills and resilience. There were moments when I contemplated giving up on volleyball to focus only on academics, but with constant support and encouragement from mentors and coaches, I found the strength to persevere.

Managing classes and sports at the same time was no easy achievement, yet it taught me invaluable lessons in discipline and prioritization. However, towards the middle of my first semester at Essex County College, the demands became overwhelming, and I made the difficult decision to step back from sports to regain focus on my studies. Quitting sports was a tough choice, but it allowed me to refocus and recommit to my academic pursuits. With determination and hard work, I was able to get back on top of my coursework and excel in my classes. Gradually, I regained my balance and confidence.

As I approach both of my graduation ceremonies, I am filled with a mix of emotions – pride, gratitude, and excitement. Graduating with a thought of going into the major of Early Childhood Education and earning my Associate Degree, while still in high school, is a testament to my perseverance and dedication. University High School and Essex County College has provided me with a solid foundation in my field of study, preparing me for future academics. This experience has meant everything to me – it has shaped me into a strong, determined individual ready to take whatever challenges come my way. I am grateful for the support of my professors, teachers, coaches, administration and peers who believed in me every step of the way.

Graduating from Essex County College and University High School marks the beginning of a new chapter filled with endless possibilities, and I am eager to take on this next phase of my journey.



**MONTCLAIR STATE
UNIVERSITY**

@University High School

Red Hawks Rising Teacher Academy

Chelsea Mendoza

Reflections A Look Back... Reflections A Look Back...

My experience in Red Hawks Rising Teacher Academy was like nothing I have ever experienced before. This program has given students the tools to become future teachers. It broadened my future with more opportunities, helped me have a look into what a career in teaching would actually be like, and allowed all the participants to have a jump start on their careers. My peers and I had the opportunity to take college courses and learn new things about our community. We experienced lessons that had not been taught in our high school classes.

Each day, with the Red Hawk Rising Academy, my excitement of attending classes with actual college professors grew. I especially cherished the moments of studying and attending classes on the campus of Montclair State University during the summer. That was a summer I can honestly add to my list of "Best Summers Ever." I felt like a real college student, which gave me a sense of pride that I was in this academy. The classmates in my cohort are now close friends I can rely on. These new relationships became a bond that stuck all through high school.

As I reflect on the course, I think about the simple expectations of listening to the professors and submitting assignments. Although the expectations were simple, you had to find a way to balance these assignments with those required in your high school classes. Sometimes the workload was stressful which meant you just had to be a little more organized than usual. However, to know that the college credits we earned would be transferred to college, encouraged us to work hard for the passing grade.

Lastly, I loved the opportunity to visit younger students at neighboring elementary schools. I took interest in working with young people from a teacher's point of view. I began to understand that the one teacher I thought was being too hard on me was just trying to help. I worked with 1st grade students and I was able to see how they worked in class and learned to be a part of the community. We were able to create bonds with these students. I don't regret being a part of this academy! This entire experience has changed the way I felt about teaching, and most importantly helped me gain respect and a greater understanding of what teachers go through and why they do things a certain way.

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Phoenix pride won't be denied! Athletics experience a journey akin to a Phoenix rising, facing both highs and lows, but ultimately soaring to new heights. Scholar athletes learn the value of perseverance, exemplifying the spirit of unity and determination. Through teamwork and practice, they RISE above adversity, strengthening their bonds and honing their skills. Facing opponents with grace and skill, athletes embody the resilience of the Phoenix as they bounce back from defeats and celebrate victories.

Coming This Season





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BOYS SOCCER



Top (Left to Right): Coach Mohamed Hassan, Dante E. Iretomiwa H., Zakai F., Yahir G., Kyreese A., Fabian Q., Joshua A., Rajmarc G., Coach John Leyva
 Bottom (Left to Right): Kishaaran R., Jason M., Anthony F., Jeff P., Brayan E., Ahmad A., Elijah S., Faizan R., and Backling K.



**Kyreese Allen, Captain
Class of 2024**



**Ian Interiano, Class of 2024,
has played for Coach Hassan
since Middle School**



**Yahir Guerrero
Class of 2024**



**Fabian Quispilema
Class of 2024**



**Sincere Henderson
Class of 2024**



**Zakai Ford
Class of 2024**



GIRLS TENNIS



Mary A.



(Left to Right): El-Dannia H., Rehanna C., Mia M., Coach Susan Palmucci, Coach Jumaanah Chase, Ava G., Sarah A.



Lady Phoenix Tennis are in full swing for the Fall.



Lady Phoenix conducting a Tennis workshop for the younger students in Newark as a community service project.



CROSS COUNTRY



**SUCCESS ISN'T
HOW FAR YOU
GOT, BUT THE
DISTANCE YOU
TRAVELED
FROM WHERE
YOU STARTED.**

-Steve Prefontaine



Class of 2024

Estrick Bobb, Kelvin Coley, Kamar Morgan



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL



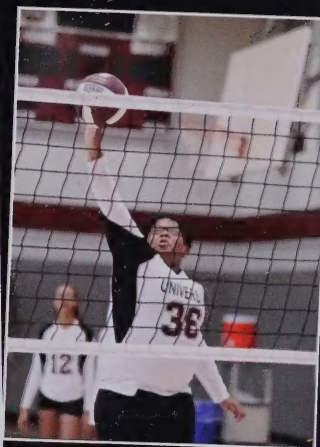
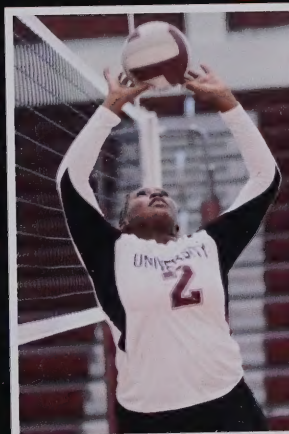
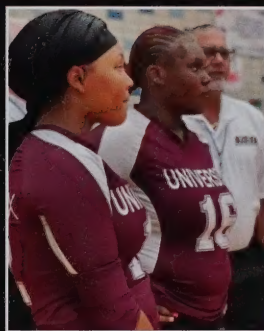
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NJSIAA Quarterfinals



Class of 2024



Uriah Price



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BOWLING

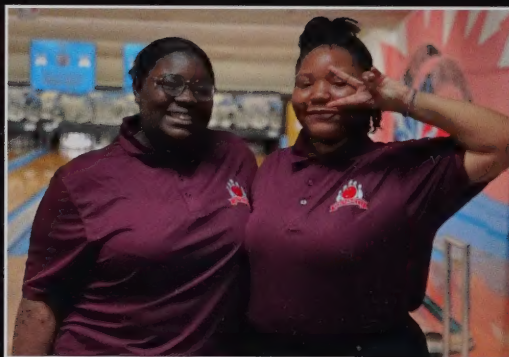


(Left to Right): Nemeni M., Mia M., Yahir G., Coach Mary Dean, Brayan E., Benjamin B., El-Dannia H., Faizan R.
Not pictured: Brian H., Ian I., Tanijah J., Jason M., Kishaaran R.

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Benjamin Burgess, freshman bowler, ranks as a Top 100 Qualifier for the 2024 NJSIAA Individual Tournament with a 206.24 Average. His performance this season resulted in him being named First-Team All Essex County.



Senior Class of 2024

Mirabel Babanawo, Yahir Guerrero, Ian Interiano, Tanijah Jones, Sa'Nyeah Mclendon



The Lady Phoenix Cheerleaders welcome 2-Time NBA All-Star, Allan Houston, who visits with the scholar athletes as a part of the FISLL program.

CHEERLEADING



Throwbacks

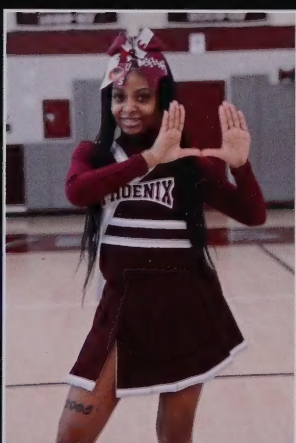


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Class of 2024



**Sekquence
Campbell**



Ashira Gordon



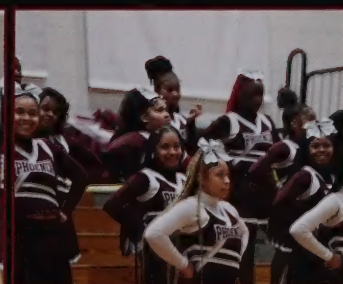
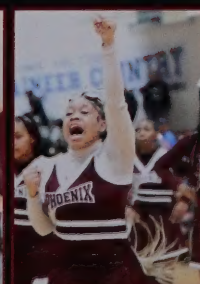
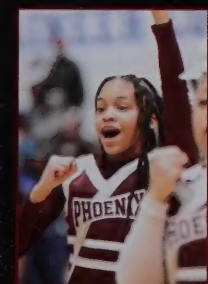
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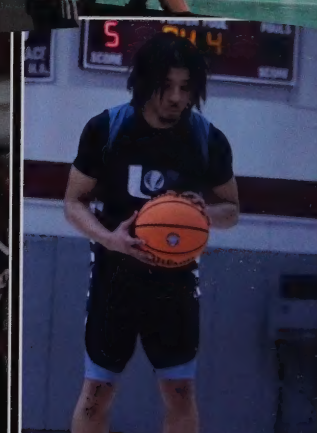
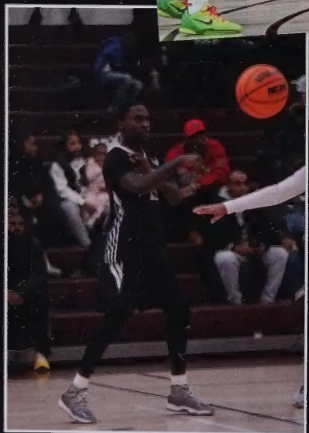
Stevie Sylvester



BOYS BASKETBALL



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Darrell Barrow Jr.



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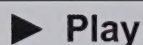


Rahmire Sanon-Kelly

GIRLS BASKETBALL

NJSIAA GROUP I STATE CHAMPIONS

The Lady Phoenix rise again earning their fifth consecutive state championships, seventh sectional titles and seventh North Jersey titles within in the last nine years (COVID years--no finals). The hard work, dedication and commitment has paid off.



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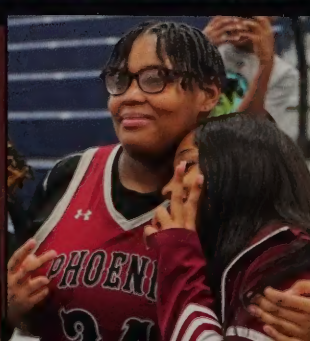
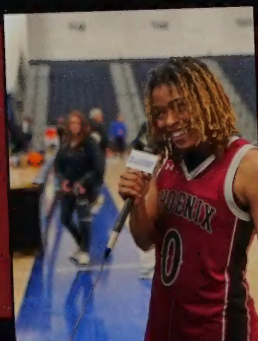
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Season 2024



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Bottom Row (Left to Right): Serenity M., Jay'dah C., Zakiyyah L., Paradise F., Morgan M., Ki-Lin T., Kerry G.



Class of 2024



**Kerry "Dynamite"
Goodman**



**Zakiyyah "Ya-Ya"
Lindsey**



**Morgan "Agent O"
Marshall**



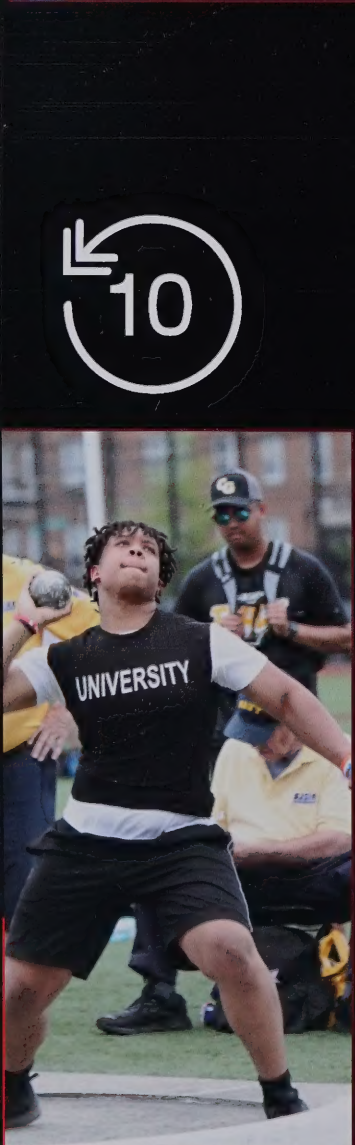
The Lady Phoenix wins the 2024 Essex County Junior Varsity Tournament



Jaylah Judd



Imani Port



INDOOR & OUTDOOR TRACK



Senior Class of 2024

Estrick Bobb

Eniola Bolaji

Kelvin Coley

Kerry Goodman

Zyiah Jones

Rashawn Marshall

Kamar Morgan

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Sheick Swaray



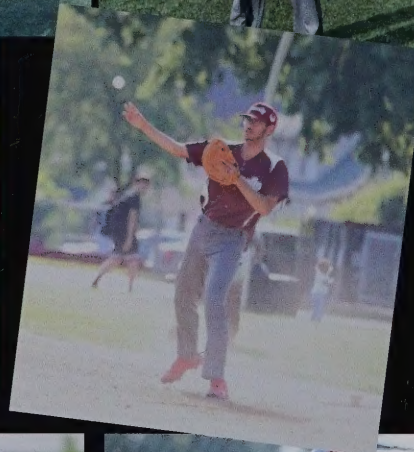
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BASEBALL



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Class of 2024



Kyreese Allen

Victor Celi

Allee Taborn

Julio Urena

SOFTBALL



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Top Row (Left to Right): Coach Mary Dean, Amya B., Jade P., Amani R., Ade M., Mariame K., Tyjanae F., Michaela W., Tiane F., Stacey G., Tessiah F., Coach Coral Kennedy
Bottom Row (Left to Right): Sa'Nyeah M., Neldine P., Imani P., Mirabel B., Kasey Z.



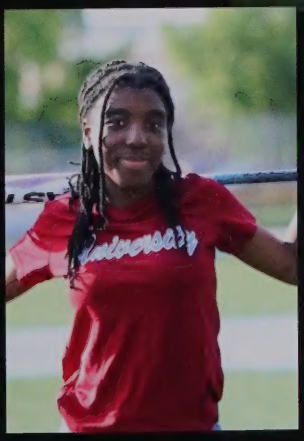
Class of 2024



Mirabel Babanawo



Sa'Nyeah Mclendon



Neldine Pierreville



Imani Port



Kasey Zelaya

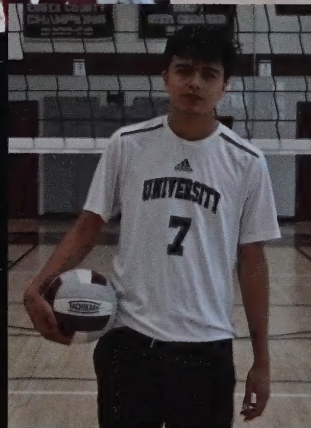
BOYS VOLLEYBALL



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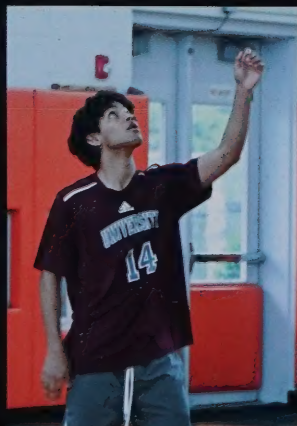
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Class of 2024

Zahir Guerrero

Sincere Henderson



Ahnaf Chowdhury



Terril Coley



Zakai Ford



Mustakeem Obayomi



Amir Robinson-Hagans

GOLF



After almost 15 years, University brings back the golf program.



BAND DANCERS

Class of 2024



Neldine Pierreville



Despite having their own work loads, the Band Dancers are always ready to perform when they are called.



Kasey Zelaya



University High School Athletics Staff

Elijah Allen - Boys Basketball, Boys Volleyball

Amiri Baraka Jr. - Girls Basketball

Kelvin Brown - Boys Basketball

Andrew Carfley - Golf

Xarial Chandler - Girls Volleyball, Boys Volleyball

Bernard Chase - Girls Basketball

Jumaanah Chase - Girls Tennis

Mary Dean - Bowling, Softball

Fabio Diaz - Baseball

Mohammed Hassan - Boys Soccer

Garrett Hunt - Girls Basketball

Grady Johnson - Baseball

Nicole Johnson - Athletic Trainer

Nicole Keitt - Girls Basketball

Danielle Kelly - Softball

James Leyva - Boys Soccer, Baseball

Al-Hakim McLaurin - Boys Basketball

Janna Miller - Girls Basketball

Lawren Monroe - Cross Country, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track & Field

Susan Palmucci - Girls Tennis

Harvey Phillips - Indoor Track, Outdoor Track & Field

Abbrielle Screven - Girls Volleyball

Yolanda Spicer - School Nurse

Egypt Vernon - Cheerleading

Ramel Watson - Boys Basketball

Jovon Whitaker - Girls Basketball

Rajon Whitaker - Girls Basketball

Michelle Wilson - Girls Volleyball, Athletic Director

Kawiona Young - Girls Volleyball



PHOENIX

2024



SERIES

Rise Awards

Disclaimer

The accolades for outstanding performances (Senior Class Superlatives) in a particular film genre were determined through nominations and votes cast by members of the University High School Class of 2024.

AND THE PHOENIX RISE AWARD GOES TO...

PHOENIX



WINGS OF DESTINY

RISE of the Fairies

In this mythical fiction tale, award-winning actress, Mirabel Babanawo, delivers her most captivating performance as a fairy navigating the trials of high school while concealing her magical powers. Despite facing numerous challenges, she ultimately fulfill the goals of her destiny, rising above adversity with newfound confidence.

MIRABEL BABANAWO FOR THE BEST MYTHICAL FICTION FILM

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Enchanted Paws

A Tale of Transformation and Ascent

PHOENIX

KASEY ZELAYA for the best performance in *Enchanted Paws*, a FAIRY TALE film.

SEKQUENCE CAMPBELL for the best performance in *Blossoms of Triumph*, a "CHICK FLICK" film.

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Blossoms of Triumph

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AND THE PHOENIX RISE AWARD GOES TO...



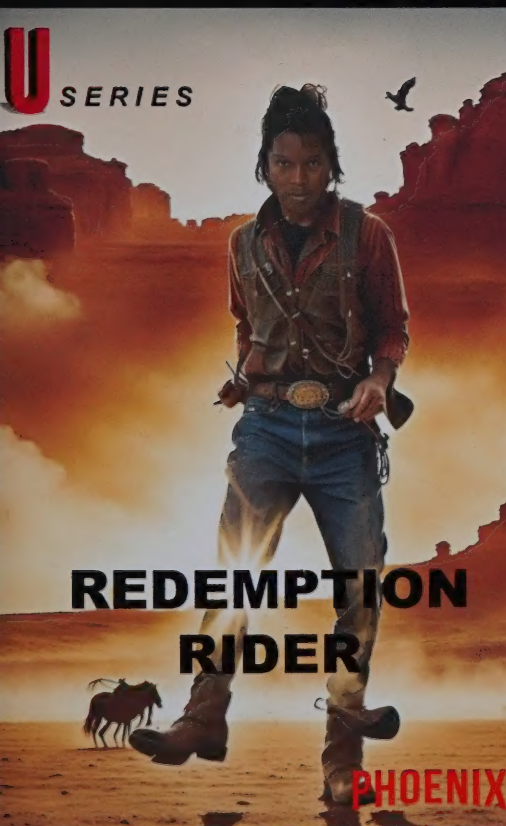
FERNANDO PHILIS
for the best performance in
Crossroads of Loyalty, a
GANGSTER film.



YAMIA BERMUDEZ
for the best performance in
The Charming Eyewear, a
MYSTERY film.



JAYLAH JUDD
for the best performance in
Drama Queen, a
TEEN DRAMA film.



ESTRICK BOBB
for the best performance in
Redemption Rider, a
WESTERN film.

ZAKAI FORD
for the best performance in
Hero High, a
SUPER HERO film.



AND THE PHOENIX RISE AWARD GOES TO...



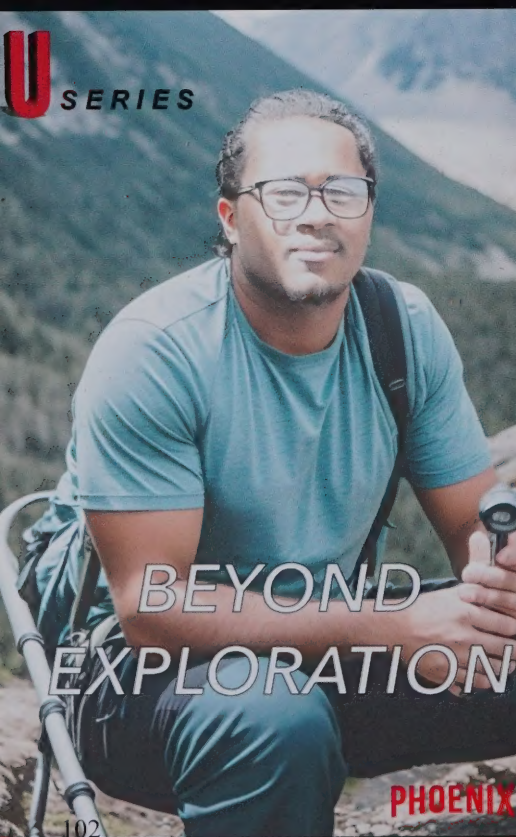
IBNRAHEEM JOHNSON
for the best performance in
Runway Revolution, a
FASHION film.



ZAINA FUENTES
for the best performance in
Midnight Scholar, a
ZOMBIE HORROR film.



IAN INTERIANO for the
best performance in *Hidden*
Hearts, a **ROMANCE** film.



KYREESE ALLEN
for the best performance in
Beyond Exploration, a
BIOGRAPHICAL
DOCUMENTARY film.



JAZIAH AUSTIN-CABRERA
for the best performance in
Night Wing, a
FANTASY film.

AND THE PHOENIX RISE AWARD GOES TO...



Beneath the Leaves
A Forest Adventure

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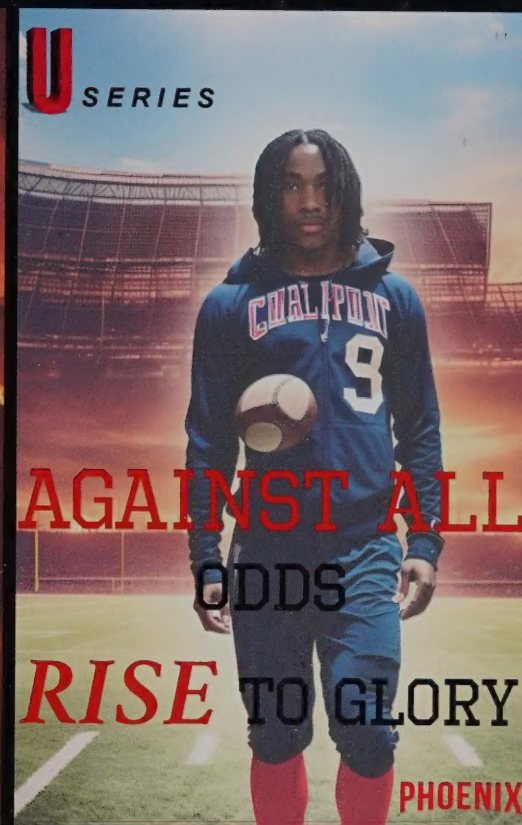
CHERMYA POPE
for the best performance in
Beneath the Leaves, a
CHILDREN'S film.



PAGES OF
TRANSFORMATION

PHOENIX

DAVID ALLEN
for the best performance in
Pages of Transformation, a
HISTORICAL FICTION film.



AGAINST ALL
ODDS
RISE TO GLORY

PHOENIX

DARRELL BARROW JR.
for the best performance in
Against All Odds, a
SPORTS film.



DEFENDER OF THE HOMELAND

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VICTOR CELI
for the best
performance in
Defender of the
Homeland, a
WAR film.

"It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are".
-E.E. Cummings



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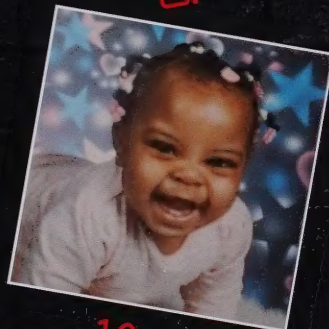
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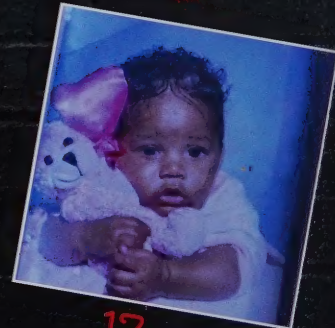
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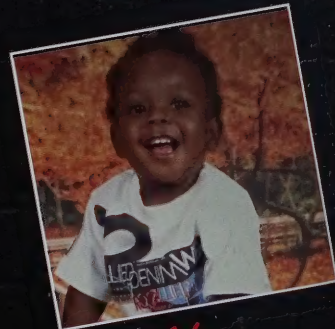
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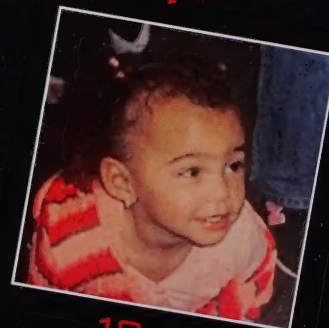
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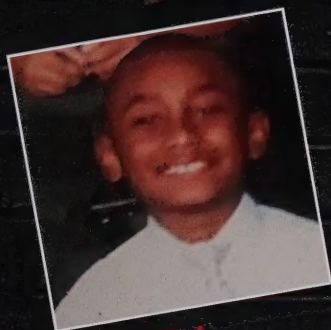
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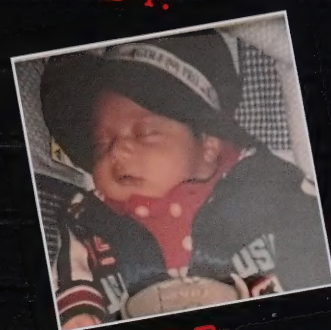
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3 T'Marra Middleton
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7 A'Kela Haynes
8 Imani Port
9 Rashawn Marshall

10 Chermiya Pope
11 Jaylah Judd
12 Alyssa Quinerly
13 Nevaeh Williams
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18 Naomi Manson

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20 Treasjour Caldwell
21 Ashira Gordon
22 Yamia Bermudez
23 Zaina Fuentes
24 Zyllah Jones
25 Uriah Price
26 David Allen
27 Kamiya Fleming

28 Victor Cell
29 Noelia Contreras-Galdamez
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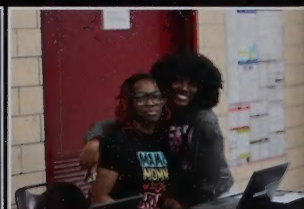
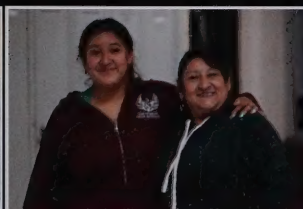
"IT TAKES A VILLAGE"

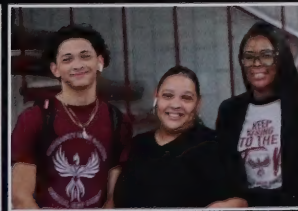
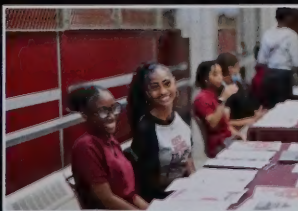
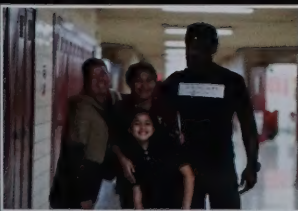
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It takes a community to nurture a child. Family, friends, teachers and supporters, including those who offer a simple "good job" or "you can do it" along the way, all play vital roles. Explore scenes that highlight the various pillars of the University High School community who have helped the Phoenix scholars along the way.





COLLEGE Fair!

Available Areas of Study, Affordability of Tuition, Location, Comfort on Campus,

University High School of the Humanities

College Bound

The only difference between
where you are and where you
want to be is the steps you
haven't taken yet.

- Rigel J. Dawson



Staff to Student Ratio, Clubs, Sports and Other Student Activities, Quality of Facilities

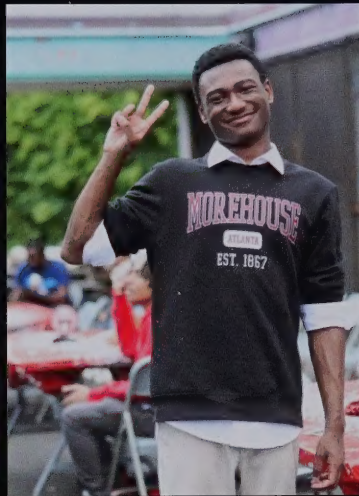
Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.

- Arthur Ashe



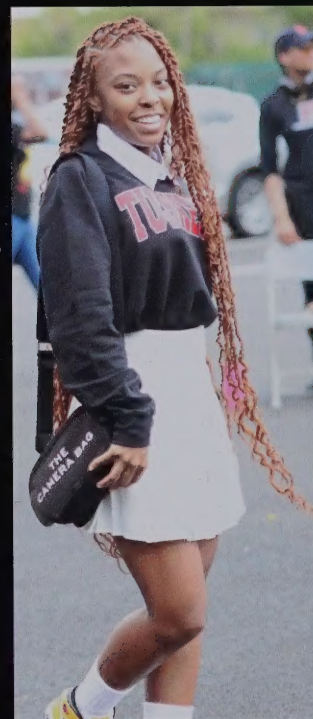
School counselors help scholars develop positive attitudes toward work, learning and making informed decisions.





DECISION

MADE!



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MAY 1ST

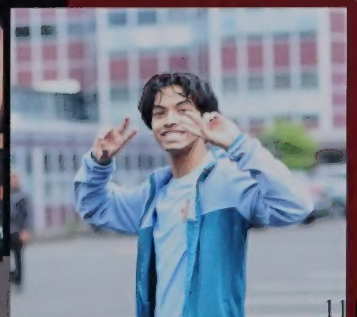
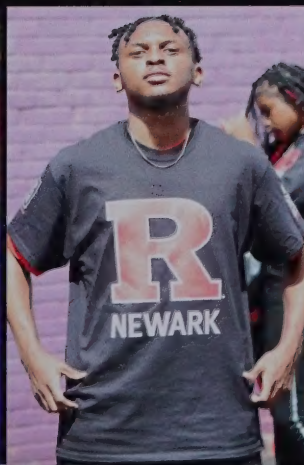


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From high school to
Higher Education,
the Armed Forces of
the United States
and the Workforce...
See what choices
were made by the
graduating class of
2024.



#DECISIONDAY



SCHOOL SPIRIT

[▶ Play](#)[More Info](#)

That Phoenix Pride cannot be denied! University's school spirit days are an opportunity for staff and students to express their passion, enjoyment, and love for the school community and its culture. We love to show our school spirit when it comes to themed dress-down days and special events. The school community proves that they can rise up to have fun and showcase their pride and unity.

Pajama Day



Twin Day





Anything But A Bookbag



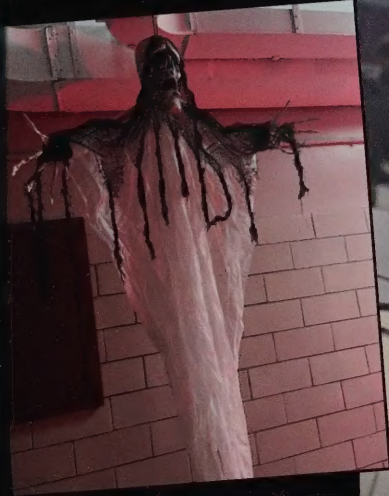
Pink Out - Breast Cancer Awareness

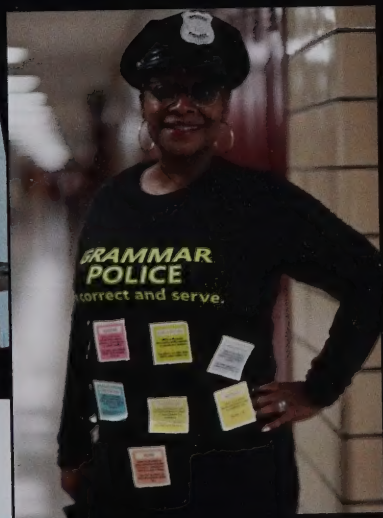
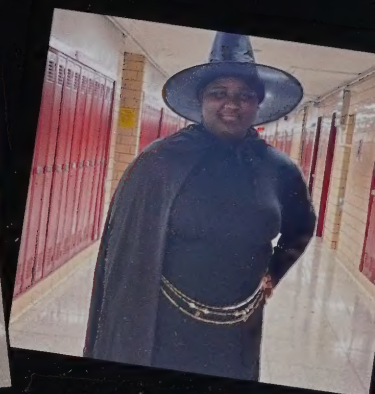


HALLOWEEN

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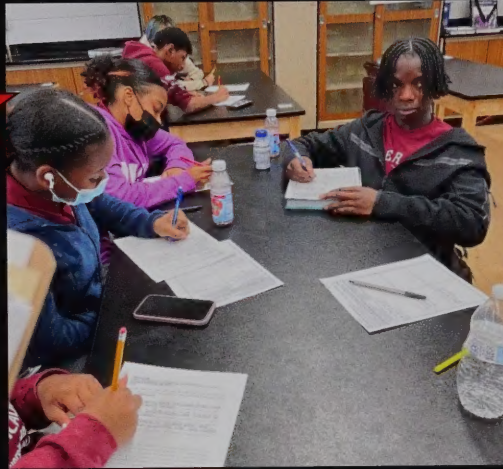
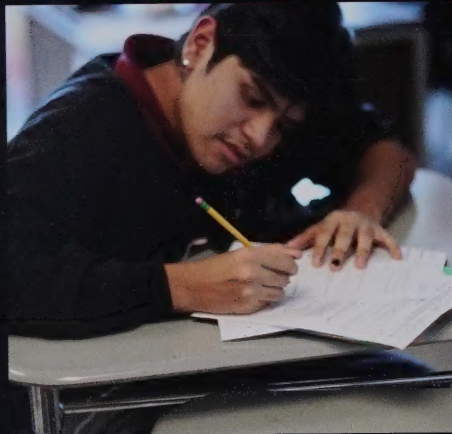




THROWBACKS

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YAHIR STAYED ROCKING THE DIFFERENT COLOR HAIR AND COOL HAIRSTYLES.

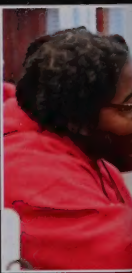
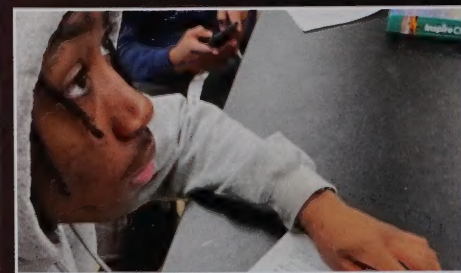
AND, WHEN DIDN'T YOU SEE STEVIE AND IHJAUN IN THE HALLWAYS TOGETHER?



NURSE SPICER STAYED TAKING CARE OF US DURING COVID... AND SHE STILL DOES!!!



HASSIR STAYED WALKING WITH THE HALLS WITH THE SLOW BOP.





CLASS OF 2024 STAYED PUTTING IN THAT WORK!!

WHAT WAS ASHIRA AND AMILYA EATING THAT WAS SOOOO HOT?



FORMER NBA ALL-STAR, ALLAN HOUSTON, VISITED UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL AT THE END OF OUR YEAR ONE COLLABORATION WITH FISLL (FAITH, INTEGRITY, SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, LEGACY).



A University Original

The Lunch Crew

▶ Play

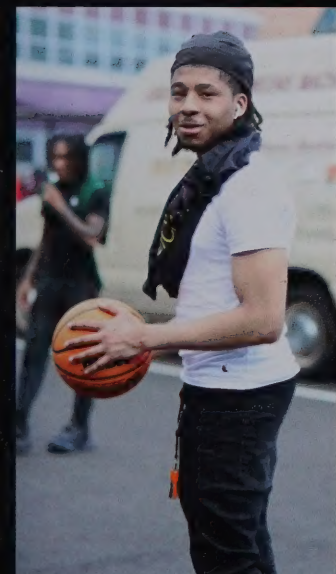
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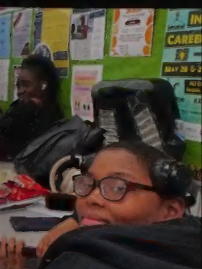
Season 2024

In the original screenplay, "The Lunch Crew," a group of friends eagerly await lunchtime, their favorite time to escape the heavy school workload. As they gather to hang out, they savor not only the delicious food but also the chance to relax and rise above the daily grind. Lunchtime becomes a cherished break where they bond, recharge, and enjoy each other's company.



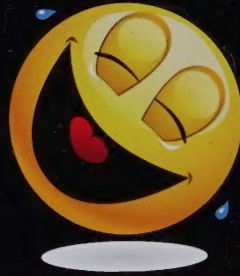


The main character, Billups, has created an environment where the Lunch Crew feel comfortable sharing about their day, discussing frustrations, and receiving guidance. This setting provides them with a much-needed break in action, fostering a supportive and relaxing atmosphere.



Remember When...

Everything was due at 11:59 p.m.



Mr. Ruhl did the F = MA Dance!

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We were on WebEx our very first year of high school.

The cameras were turned to the ceiling during virtual class...



We all came back to school from Virtual Learning



Staff and students had a game challenge.



We had to use the dome.

There was a water balloon war during dismissal, sophomore year

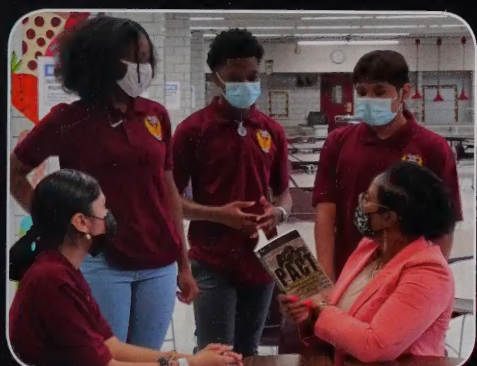


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Chermya and Eniola dressed as Senior Citizens and they slayed!!!

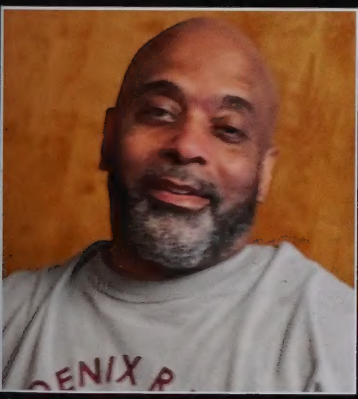
Nobody needed a pass because COVID had the hallways clear!



We had to wear masks to school.

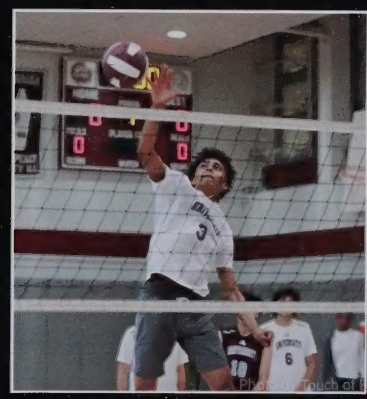


Class of 2024 sold secret admirer flowers and had a real photo booth for Valentines Day.



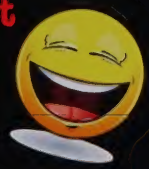
University made history with its first boys volleyball team, Kauzir, Yahir and Amir were on the team.

Our class used to drive Mr. White crazy!



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We would make Mr. Ware mad out of nowhere, and we would try so hard not to laugh because we all knew he wasn't really mad; He was just trying to get our attention.



Q Memories...

Morgan Marshall Scores 1,000 Points

University High School · Lady Phoenix Basketball

Class of 2024

Morgan scored her 1,000th career point in basketball.

Stolen \$\$\$

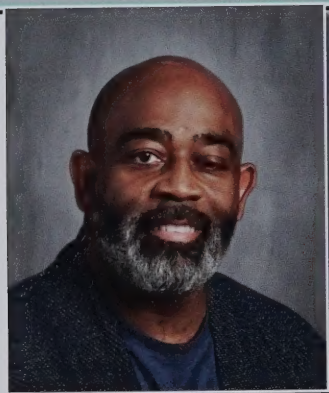
A GIFT TO YOU...

PHOENIX FAMILY

To University High School, We Leave

love; **hope for air conditioning**; our drama and footprint; the roller coaster ride, good and bad; **you with knowing that we will always be a Phoenix family**, we sure rise as a family, and that you have insured that the staff's dedication to our education has set a strong foundation for our future endeavors; and our sincerest thanks for the time you put in to make us better individuals.

Beyonce...
Air conditioning
NO MIC!
Chromebooks



To the Office Staff, Mr. Andrews and Ms. Wallace, We Leave

all the **uniform shirts** we borrowed in trade for something valuable; **our gratitude** for your hard work behind the scenes; **our thanks** for making sure our school ran smoothly; **extra Chromebooks**; our **love** for putting up with our chaos; and **the bus ticket**.



To Guidance, We Leave

flowers; our thanks for being on our backs to get "it" done; **the completed FAFSA**; appreciation for the valuable guidance and support; **you without stress**; our gratitude for your hard work and run around; and **a special thanks for the patience** with this long excruciating college process



To the Cafeteria Staff, We Leave

cards of appreciation; **our stolen dollars** from the vending machine; our thanks for being our favorite people who ma fed us every day; **the fun memories** we shared from your talks, laughter, shared meals and special environment you created during lunchtime; and **our smiles and positive attitude** for you doing your jobs; our hope that life blesses you all with the best for each lecture we heard from you and all because we genuinely needed someone to "say it." **WE LOVE Y'ALL!!!!**



To the security guards, we leave with thanks for your diligence in ensuring our safety. Even though we had some problems with you opening the bathroom doors and complaining to go to class, we appreciate the time you sacrificed for us.

MR. SNOWDEN, THANK YOU FOR THE SNACKS

A GIFT TO YOU...

PHOENIX FAMILY

To Principal Hamilton, We Leave

respect for your leadership, guidance, dedication to the school community, fostering a culture of excellence and inclusiveness that has shaped our high school experience for the better. Thank you! You will be missed and loved.



To Ms. Jones, We Leave

our **love for Beyonce**; our appreciation for your passion for Literature and giving us a lot of essays, lol; our **thanks for encouraging us to hone in on our writing skills.**



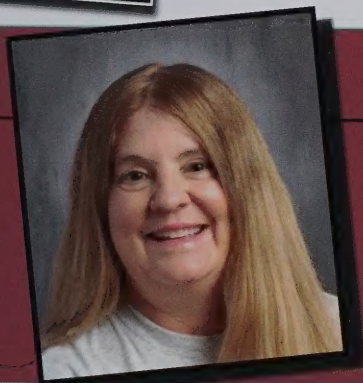
To Our Athletic Director, Coach Wilson, We Leave...

AN
ASSISTANT,
PERIOD!



To Ms. Kelly AKA Ms. DanDan, We Leave

appreciation for being so easy to talk to; the **story times**; our amazing **love** and experience for **Forensic Science**, but we will take fingerprinting erasing from a scene with us; and the **funny moments with you yelling in the class** all the time.



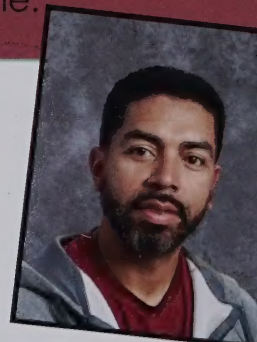
To Mr. Billups, We Leave You with NO MIC;

gratitude for your leadership and making sure you stayed on top of us in every way you could; the word of the day; a positive and inclusive school environment.

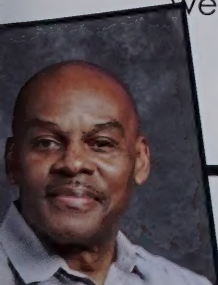


To Mr. Diaz, We Leave

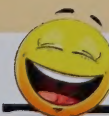
a huge **"Thank You"** for making us better with **those much needed sex education classes**; health brain cells and tight hugs; a **commitment to our physical health and well being**; appreciation for pushing us to challenge ourselves; and a promise that we will carry our love for fitness beyond high school.



Mr. Dixon, in my three years of being in the band you probably were one of the best mentors and disciplinarians that I've come across. Your "tough love" tactic and the way you teach your class has taught me so much. Thank you for being a major part of my life.



TO MR. BOWLES, WE LEAVE PISTACHIOS



Dear UHS Senior Class of 2024,

Congratulations on reaching this milestone in your lives. As you embark on the next chapter, I want to remind you of our school values of R.I.S.E: Responsibility, Integrity, Service, and Excellence.

Throughout your high school journey, I have noted how many of you have developed and demonstrated responsibility by taking ownership of your actions and choices. Many of you have grown into your integrity, as I have seen how you've used it to guide you to do what is right, even when it's difficult. Through service, you have shown compassion and empathy, making a positive impact on those around you.

Lastly, you have demonstrated excellence, by pushing yourself to reach new heights and achieve your fullest potential with such a large number of you taking advantage of the dual enrollment opportunities, AP classes, and excelling in a wide variety of extracurricular activities.

As you move forward, carry these principles with you. They will serve as your guiding light, leading you towards a future filled with purpose and fulfillment. Remember, true success is not just about personal achievement, but also about how you contribute to the world and uplift others along the way.

Congratulations once again, and may your journey ahead be filled with endless opportunities to R.I.S.E.

Sincerely,

Amir B. Billups

Amir B. Billups,

Grade Level Administrator of the Senior Class of 2024



Carry These Principles With You

Play

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Class Advisor Letter



As we turn the final pages of this chapter, it is with a blend of joy and nostalgia that we bid farewell to our beloved seniors. Each one of you has left an indelible mark on the heart of our school community, weaving your unique threads into the vibrant tapestry that makes our school truly special. From spirited sports events to groundbreaking achievements in academics and arts, your contributions have lifted us all. As you step beyond the familiar halls and venture into new beginnings, remember that you carry the lessons learned, the cherished memories, and the bonds that were forged here. You are part of the rich Phoenix legacy. May your futures be bright and filled with as much promise and excitement as the journeys you undertook at our alma mater. Salute to new adventures, continued success, and a lifetime of memories yet to be made. We await to see how each of you will use your talents and opportunities to shape your futures and impact the world around you.

Congratulations, Class of 2024! R.I.S.E. Phoenix R.I.S.E.

Ms. Neal and Ms. Vernon

“Dare to live the life you have dreamed for yourself. Go forward and make your dreams come true.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Yamia Bermudez

While high school is coming to an end, we will still rise to face the new challenges life throws at us. Life isn't quite over once we graduate and we're moving on to a new chapter. The journey will have only just begun. We leave behind many cherished memories and moments that will last a lifetime but all good things come to an end. These halls have prepared us for the future, shaping us into who we are today. Farewell, and may we all rise to meet our dreams.



Yanaijah Knight

Our senior year has finally come to an end. The time flew by fast just like people said it would. These past four years have been filled with so many challenges and emotions that have helped us grow into the people we are today. I will forever remember and cherish all the moments that we've shared as a class. Once we all cross that stage and receive our diplomas, we will go on to pursue our true professions. I hope everyone's dreams and wishes are fulfilled. Good luck on your new journey.



Manyama Mara

Farewell to University's Class of 2024. As I rise, I leave my grace, gratitude, and grit. The years spent as a Phoenix have been some of the most formative and memorable of my life. To my classmates, thank you for the countless memories, the laughter, and the support. To the faculty, thank you for your guidance, wisdom, and patience. As I move forward, I carry with me the lessons learned, the friendships made, and the experiences shared.

With gratitude and best wishes,
Miss Mara



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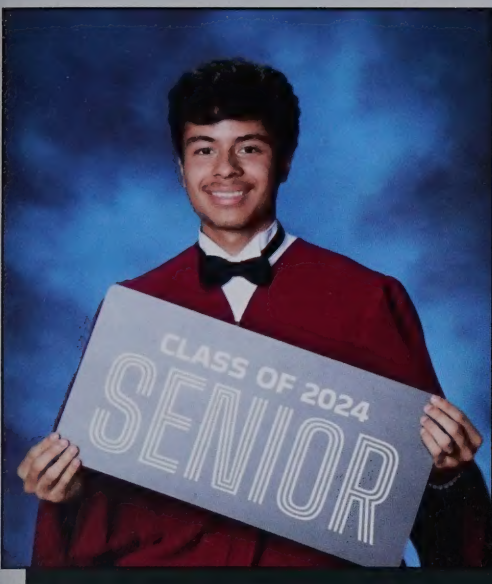
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Farewell, everyone. Every teacher, staff, friend, I hope you all achieve what you want in life. Let's all rise together. These past four years helped me grow as a person and most definitely taught me lessons. Although it was not easy-sailing, I appreciate what I went through because I do feel as though it prepared me for the next chapter in life. These high school years showed me what I was capable of. I joined the National Honors Society, had Super Honor Roll for consecutive years, and realized that if I put my mind to things, I can achieve them and rise.

I want to give many thanks to Mrs. Sockwell not only for her love for teaching, but also for her dedication in ensuring I grasped knowledge that will help me in the future. She is a very understanding and patient person and I thank her for that.

I also want to give thanks to Ms. Frazier. She helped me fall in love with music and piano more than I thought I would. Learning music with her made it more intriguing and actually made me want to learn more. She even helped me learn how to play a piano piece for the Spring concert of 2023!

Once again, thank you everyone for making these four years of high school better than how I intended it. It was definitely memorable and I will miss these teenage years of my life. It helped shape me into the person I am, and I am excited to start this next chapter of life.

-Ian Interiano



Dear Newark,

I've been with you my entire life. And although I've always known our relationship was temporary, it will soon be set in stone. We will be miles apart and you may become something that is only mentioned in past tense. I have been reminded just how big this world is and just how much I want to explore it. My love for you is deep and it aches to know that I can not be with you and be happy but it's a truth that I live with. I smell the sweet country air and can't help but to compare it to your polluted gas. I feel the sun on my face and get flashbacks to all my other ventures. The feeling of being somewhere new, forgetting the date and time because it's somewhere different every night.

I can never experience that with you, I know every building, every block, every person and where they are going. After the first taste of something new I've started to crave it and I refuse to control my desire for better. You have no mystery, no secret that I do not know, and for that I am grateful yet resentful. You will always be my anchor and currently I refuse to be held down. So my love, this is the first goodbye of many.

-A'Kela Haynes

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Amir Abdullah

Farewell to the Class of 2024 at University High School and beyond. We made it! The journey has not been easy and we have faced many challenges but we are here. Continue to rise above all tough times and endure by being humble and patient.

Alhamdulillah for making it to this point in my life. I am especially thankful for Abu and Umi for raising me up to be the young man I am today. Thank you to the Phoenix Family who has embraced me this year. A special thank you to the Boys Basketball Coaching Staff for the training, the care and the preparation that will carry me further in my career after high school. To the Class of 2024, take care and do well!



Kyreese Allen

Thank you to all my teachers, friends and other family members that helped me reach where I am today. Thank you to every single staff member at University High School who has helped me in any way to be where I am today. There have been ups and downs but every single experience brought me back to the core values of RISE.

Thank you to any coach who helped me not only become a better player but a better person as well. Once again thank you to the Phoenix Family for everything they have done for me.

-Kyreese "Goat" Allen

"Dare to live the life you have dreamed for yourself."

Devion Bryant

Dear University High School,

As I graduate, I want to express my deep gratitude for the incredible journey at University High School. From classrooms to friendships, each moment has been a stepping stone to my future. The lessons learned and memories made will forever shape me. Thank you for being the foundation of my growth. As I move forward, I carry the spirit of University High School with me, ready to rise and embrace new challenges.

Sincerely,
Devion



Treasjour Caldwell

Throughout this six year rollercoaster, I thought high school would be about making friends and having fun...don't get me wrong it is but it wasn't meant for me. Being in this school has taught me a lot pertaining to friendships, social skills and overall, how to rise. Caring teachers have helped me get through high school, including Mr. Ware, Ms. Neal and Mrs. Jones. Whether my issues were school related or not, they always wanted me to be the best me and live up to my potential. I enjoyed my experience at high school but I would rather not dwell on the past. I am ready to move to the next chapter of my life and for what God has planned for me. So yes TREAS is signing out and NOT looking back, lol.



Go forward and make your dreams come true."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson





Sekquence Campbell

Beyond these walls, I will be able to walk with Uni pride on my arm. I have developed skills from University that will prepare me for college and I have gained a lifetime family. It was a nice four years I spent with everyone. I wasn't too happy about coming to University freshman year. It wasn't where I wanted to be. Four years later, I couldn't have been happier. You have seen me rise. I've made friends who I hope I will continue to know because I love you guys. I would not have become the person I am today without you. Lyssa, Nana, Stevie, and lastly my girl Zyiiiah, each and every last one of you have always been there for me, especially when I needed to vent about how my days were going. I am definitely going to miss you.



Kamara Cave

To the UHS class of 2024,

We've finally done it! I wish to congratulate you all on this new chapter in your life that you will get to experience all because you chose YOU first. We may never cross paths again, so before time passes, I pray success and prosperity make their way to you in years to come. May we remember this one shared moment of happiness until our journeys come to an end. May you continue to rise. Bless your hearts.

"Dare to live the life you have dreamed for yourself."

Victor Celi

"As I bid farewell to University High School, may I rise to new heights, conquer new challenges, and soar beyond my wildest dreams. Yes I am graduating but my journey has yet come to an end. I enjoyed all of my time being a Phoenix and now it is time for me to journey into a new chapter of my education and future plans. I will forever be a Phoenix and rise to every occasion.



Ahnaf Chowdhury

Like many others, I could not experience my freshman year of high school in person. I was very nervous when I came into sophomore year, but as time went on, I got to know some amazing people that have inspired me to and will continue to be my friends forever. These last four years were not easy. I had many ups and a great many downs, but at the end of the day, I made sure to rise. It's been a nice ride, class of 2024. Until next time, I know all of you will excel in life.



Go forward and make your dreams come true."

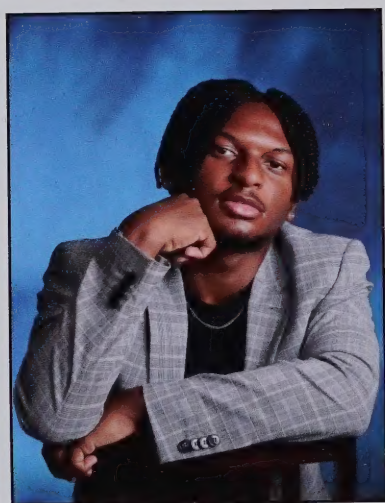
-Ralph Waldo Emerson





Kelvin Coley

As a 2024 graduating senior, I appreciate all my teachers and staff that made me a better person, each and every day. Shout out to Ms. Wilson, my Athletic Director, who even when she was going through tough days, still made sure each and every sport team was taken care of. Shoutout to all the athletic coaches that stay after school hours to make sure we grind on what we want to accomplish in life, especially keeping up with academics as well. I have learned a lot being a Phoenix at University High School. Every day would not be your best day but no matter what, you still have to RISE to be exactly where you want to be! I love everyone who taught me life lessons and made sure I did my absolute best to be the person that I am today!



Terril Coley

Being a Phoenix was the best decision I've made in my high school tenure. From joining the basketball and volleyball team my junior, to being on the track and volleyball teams my senior year. I have learned how to listen and lead. I have learned to humble myself. Most importantly, I have learned to rise to the occasion. I would like to thank my coaches, Coach E, Coach Xari, and Coach Monroe for making me not only a better player, but a person.

“Dare to live the life you have dreamed for yourself.”



Jahzair Frazer

Dear University High School,
As I bid farewell to my senior year, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey. From freshman year, even around COVID-19, all the memories we've created together are etched in my heart. I want to say that I'm grateful for the friendships. The camaraderie made tough days bearable. A special thank you to the dedicated teachers and staff who guided all of us with patience and wisdom. Even though I had ups and downs this senior year, they taught me resilience and to rise. My family support has been the anchor and the encouragement fueled my ambitions. I hope to make you proud as I step in the next chapter of my life. The lessons learned and memories created will forever hold a special place in my heart. Farewell senior year.



Zaina Fuentes

Thank you to the University staff for being a family for me since seventh grade. Although it wasn't always cupcakes and rainbows, I know I'll miss it at times, from Principal Hamilton's rise to the top lectures to many of the mixed personalities within the 2024 class. The biggest thanks goes to Ms. Sockwell because without her I wouldn't have made it as far as I did. I'm going to miss her quirky sense of humor most of all. She was definitely a second mother figure to me and I am grateful especially for her guidance. It's been real.

Zaina, Signing Out!



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-Ralph Waldo Emerson





Kerry Goodman

As my incredible journey here at University ends, I am overcome with gratitude for the friendships, mentorships, championships and even the hardships I have experienced over the past 4 years. They have all played a part in preparing me for the future. To the staff who've shared wisdom while showing patience – Thank You!

To the scholars who trusted my leadership and have been my partners in laughter and learning – THANK YOU for believing in me! Continue to RISE like the Phoenix we are and make our mark on the world!



Ashira Gordon

As I begin to prepare for my new journey at Jackson State University, I am filled with many different emotions about graduating from University. Starting my freshman year virtually, because of COVID, had my whole world flipped upside down. But, the experience is a testament that I can persevere through anything. To my teachers who have supported me and held me to a higher standard, I'm very grateful. To my coach who's been there for me through any and every thing, literally, I love you and will forever thank you. And lastly, shoutout to myself! When times got hard and I felt like quitting I'm proud to say I came out victorious and on top.

After all the hard work and dedication, I do and will forever have that Phoenix spirit! So of course it is in me to continuously RISE. Farewell Phoenix family. -Captain Shira out !

“Dare to live the life you have dreamed for yourself.”

Sah'Jaidah Joseph

Dear Class of 2024, High school has come to an end. I will miss the memories we made on trips, at parties and even during class. I want to thank my teachers for pushing me, knowing the things I was experiencing, especially the teachers who were hard on me and motivated me: Ms. Jones, Dr. Lopez, Ms. Graham, and even Ms. Kelly. The class of 2024 has been through so much and we deserve everything positive that comes our way, starting with the proper farewell. We came in not knowing how our future would look because of COVID, but we managed to rise together and now we're here. We are graduating the proper way. We are going to amazing colleges and we're starting a new journey. We deserve ALL of this!



Abrianna Joseph

As I bid farewell, I'm overwhelmed with gratitude for the heartfelt impact you've had on my high school journey. Navigating the dual enrollment program demanded sacrifices, including leaving volleyball, a sport I shortly started to fall in love with. Yet, the amount of support and encouragement helped me through every challenge. Together, we've witnessed the highs and lows, yet came out stronger and more resilient. With pride, I announce my graduation with both an associate degree and high school diploma, a hardworking path with a lot of tears and complaining. Thank you for inspiring me to prioritize my growth, pursue excellence and rise. Here's to our shared memories and bright futures.



Go forward and make your dreams come true."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson





Jaylah Judd

Being a Phoenix for the last four years has been a struggle but I'm excited to see what my future has in store for me. I had good times and bad times, made friends and lost them along the way. I am filled with a mix of emotions, yet I have gratitude for the journey that has shaped me into who I am today. I would like to thank my parents for being there for me no matter what and I appreciate you guys the most. I love you! To all the staff who have inspired and challenged me, I would like to thank you as well. As the class of '24, people may say we were the worst class but we left our mark. I wish you all the best and hope you strive to become millionaires.



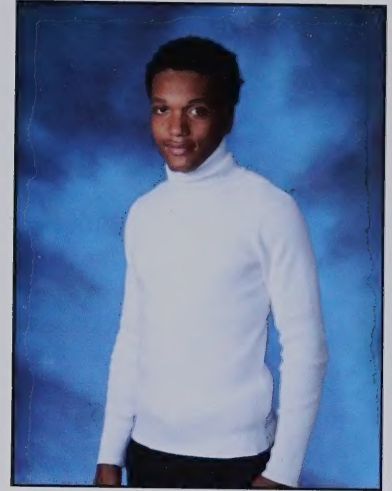
Naomi Manson

I would like to say thanks to the staff at University and all of the teachers for teaching me things that I've never learned before. I have been here at University High school since freshman year but I didn't get a chance to come into the building until my sophomore year. It was hard for me to come in but I did and I learned the building. By the time my junior year came, I took a lot of tests to prepare me for my senior year. It was hectic and then I started outdoor track and field, which I enjoyed. I earned medals, made it to the Sectional Championship Meet, and I was really representing my school. Now I'm making it through my senior year, and I have gotten so many acceptance letters to colleges. I can say I couldn't have done it without my school. Continue to Rise University!

“Dare to live the life you have dreamed for yourself.”

Rashawn Marshall

Farewell University,
Although I have had many trials and tribulations, success and failures, bright days and dark ones, this school has shown me what it means to rise above the occasion when times get tough. I see that the laughs with the friends I've made are far more special than any negative thing I've gone through in high school, like the time Mr. Ruhl showed us that he knew how to step and that he stepped with the kappas, lol, or when we laughed the whole time during the rehearsal of a choir class. All in all, I can flood this letter with memories because the spirit of the Phoenix will forever live and thrive through the alumni and upcoming graduates.



Sa'Nyeah Mclendon

I will always remember the amazing memories I share within this school community but most importantly the opportunities University has given me. I am honored to have been a part of the dual enrollment programs, which allowed me to challenge myself and experience how college will be, all while I was still in high school. The Phoenix staff saw the potential in me and believed in me no matter what. Something that I will never forget about is this Phoenix love. I want to thank those who contributed to my achievements as I conquered high school. I will forever rise!



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-Ralph Waldo Emerson



Kamar Morgan

Thank you to all the teachers who helped me throughout my high school journey, and especially Ms. Obaze, my Guidance Counselor. She helped me get all the credits I needed for my classes and rise like a Phoenix. And, I would like to thank my coach, Coach Monroe, for also helping me stay focused when my grades dropped and giving me motivation to continue doing good in my classes. And last but not least, I would like to thank my favorite teacher Mr. Ware, even though he wasn't my teacher this year. I would like to thank him for always keeping all of our best interests in mind.

"Kamar out!"



Hashim Muhammad

I will rise above all the obstacles put forth in place. I will not let high school be my defining moments. I will go onto bigger and better things and continuously stack money. This will not be the last thing you hear from me. I will rise and rise and eventually tower over all the doubts that have been raised about me.

"Dare to live the life you have dreamed for yourself."



Neldine Pierreville

It's hard to believe that our time together has come to an end, but I'm grateful for the memories and experiences we've shared. It's crazy to think back to how we started our first year of high school in front of a screen, but I am proud of us for all that we have accomplished up to this point. We've learned so much, not just from teachers, but from each other. I want to thank our teachers and staff for their dedication and hard work. And to my fellow classmates, thank you for being a part of my high school journey. High school was an unforgettable experience, and I will cherish our memories forever. As we go our separate ways, I wish you all the best in your future endeavors. I know we will continue to rise to the occasion and I can't wait to see all we will achieve.



Uriah Price

Though short, I had a good time at University. When I first came, I was treated nicely and got to know the many different people and personalities here at University High School. When I left in middle school, I never thought I would see the halls of University ever again, but I'm glad I did.

Thank you to all the people and teachers who welcomed me and I will not forget your gratitude. Thank you. To the rest of our lives! Let us rise to the top!



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-Ralph Waldo Emerson





Madison Santiago

Being here at University has been truly wonderful. So many friends were made, lessons were learned and many memories were cherished. Yes, I will be sad that it is over, but glad that it did happen. Amazing teachers made learning fun. We laughed, sang, cried and danced. We lived, we loved and most importantly, we learned. Shout out to all my teachers from freshman through senior year; some were lost, but some remained. There was more to school than the classroom. The school events and activities were also amazing, making the experience of being together as a school community and enjoying time off from class incredibly fun. In the end, University is my home and I will be leaving to continue my journey to rise.



Honesty Thomas

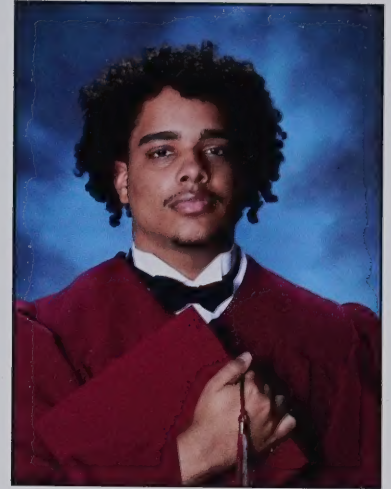
Shout out to University and all the staff that worked through my craziness! In three short months, we're expected to look back and say this is the past. We are clutching on to the endless laughter with old friends, the late night talks, dinner dates with the girls, and every last moment that is familiar. Now we're expected to create a whole new life for ourselves for the first time which is exciting but scary. Hold on to every last second of senior year. This is our last chance to be a teenager. As much as I've looked forward to this day, the last day of school before summer, the final chapter of a good book and the end with a close friend. Today is one of those days for all of us. Today we say our goodbyes. But as Winnie the Pooh said, "how lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

"Dare to live the life you have dreamed for yourself."



Julio Urena

As my time in University comes to an end, I want to express my gratitude to all my friends. Your camaraderie, support, and laughter enriched my high school experience. I also want to express my gratitude to my Baseball Coaches, Diaz and Johnson. If it wasn't for them I would probably not have joined (also, Ms. Wilson, who has been on my behind about getting into sports for quite a while). Thank you teachers for your patience, support, and wisdom, which have helped me rise. Mrs. Jones saw my potential amidst my laziness. Mr. Suarez made learning Calculus both a fun time and easy with his jokes. Mrs. Graham was great for her sarcastic remarks and jokes at times. Though our paths may diverge, the memories we've shared will forever bind us. Thank you, University High School for an experience I will never forget.



Kasey Zelaya

Throughout my high school years, there have been moments where I have laughed, cried and been overworked. Most importantly, I have grown as an individual from my Freshman year to now being a graduating Senior. At this point in our lives, we have carved our paths, leading up to the challenges we will face once we step foot out of University and into the real world. I have learned lessons that will stick with me. I have made strong friendships that helped me make it through the school years. Thank you to everyone at University High School who watched me continually rise!



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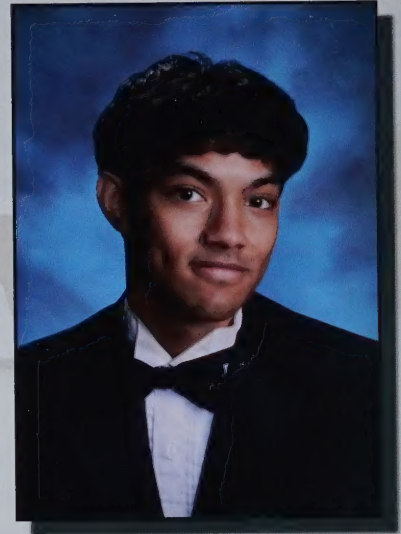


CONGRATULATIONS

The Newark Board of Education, University High School of the Humanities and the Senior Class of 2024 congratulates the Class of 2024 Valedictorian and Salutatorian



Neldine Pierreville
Valedictorian



Ahnaf Chowdhury
Salutatorian

**Congratulations to
Treasjour Caldwell**

To Treasjour,
I am so proud of you!
The sky is the limit.
Congratulations
my baby!!!
Love Daddy

Smooth
Kennith Allen



**Congratulations to
Treasjour Caldwell**

To my
One and Only
Daughter
"Treasjour"
Fly as high as you
can see yourself
going.

Love Always,
Mom & Nanny





Congratulations to Treasjour Caldwell

Treasjour,
My Niece/Daughter
Always put God first, believe in
yourself, and know that we
(me and Nanny) ❤️
will always be there for you!
Congratulations and keep spreading
your wings!
Cookie Caldwell

**Karita Caldwell
Kennith Allen**

Congratulations to Chermya Pope

*To my beautiful daughter, I am very
proud of you. May God continue to
bless you on your journey.*

Mommy

Daddy

Tisha

Grandma

Pop Pop

XX Uncle Darn

Uncle Ron

Aunt Pam

Aunt Donna

Aunt Becky

Aunt Londie

Iyah

Congratulations to Yamia Bermudez

The Muhammad Family

Tymar Felton

Auntie Monica

Naeem Clark

Auntie Delane

Nana

Auntie Wadeah



To my beautiful granddaughter,
Yamia

I can't promise I'll be here for the rest of your life, but I can promise that I'll love you for the rest of mine. Wherever your journey in life may take you, always be brave and strong. Believe deep in your heart that you are smart and capable of achieving anything your heart desires.

*Whenever your crown gets heavy, remember whose granddaughter you are.
Congratulations, Grandma*

To My Entire World,
Yamia

If I could give you one thing in this life, I would give you the ability to see yourself how I see you. You're the best thing to ever happen to me you're funny, smart, determined, and motivated. I thank God for blessing me with such a beauty. I love you with every fiber in my body. Thank you for being exactly who you are.

Biggest Congratulations,
Mommy





Kerry,

I am so very grateful that God chose me to be your mom. I have been blessed to watch you grow and achieve so much more than I could have ever dreamed over the past 17 years, and you still have such a bright future ahead of you.

Your success today is a direct result of the dedication, hard work, passion and integrity you committed to each day before. Congratulations on your graduation my beautifully brave girl.

As you prepare for the next season of your life, know that you have an entire village of people who love you and are cheering for you no matter how far.

I love you more than all of the letters in all of the words in all of the books in all of the libraries in the world! Go set this world on fire in a way that only you can Dynamite!

Love and Respect,
Mom



Kerry Berry



Since birth you have been the source of immeasurable joy in the hearts of your grandmothers! It is with great pride that I congratulate you and wish for your continued success in all of your future endeavors. No matter where you go, be sure to follow your own path, find your people and ALWAYS be your incredible self!

Should you ever lose your way, trust that you have an angel guiding you with the love only a Grandmother can give to help you along your journey. Momma Donna is smiling down on you today and always.



With Love,
Nana & Grandma





Congratulations Kerry!

We are so proud of all of your hard work and everything you've accomplished. It has been an honor to watch you grow into the extraordinary young woman you are today. We cannot wait to see what your future holds because we know, without a doubt, that you are destined for great things. Best of luck at ASU! We love you so much!

Love Aunt Cassie, Kaylah, Isaiah, Ian, Tru and Ture

🎉 Congratulations Kare Bear! 🎉
We love you so very much.
Keep shining like the star you are!



With Love From
Terri, Renny, Samir, Synia & Zaniaj



Kerry - Go out there and set the world on fire, knowing that you'll always be surrounded by the love of the #Haus_of_GG!

**CONGRATS AND
GOOD LUCK KERRY!**



Lan
Lay
Shan
Kay
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Sterl

Love #Jr_Haus_of_GG

Congrats on your graduation Kerry and
best wishes for your next adventure!
All of your hard work paid off!



Love The Carters - Precious, Justin,
Iyuanna, Briyuanna, Tiyuanna, Justin Jr,
Bryson and the Twins!



*Congratulations Kare Bear we are so proud
of the beautiful young woman you are
becoming. We have always known you were
going to be destined for greatness. Keep up
the good work, we love you!*



*Love,
Auntie Precious and Uncle Justin*

Congratulations to Terril Coley

Rev. Dr. Johnnie Brooker Jr.

Rev. Ayanna Mishoe-Brooker, Esq.

James Destin

Lee Shingles

Michael Powell

Ann Cort

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Lyndon Brown

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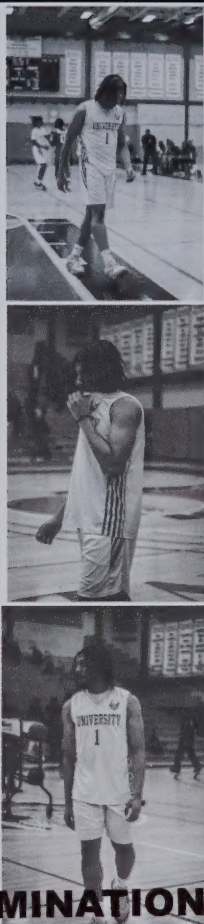
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Amir

We are most proud of you and the accomplishments you have made up to this point in life. We know that you will continue to push yourself to be your best. Always remember that we have your back and will be there to support you throughout your life.

Love, Abu & Umi

Congratulations to Amir Abdullah

*Nanny
Haamid Abdullah
Abdr' Rahman Abdullah
Aunt Cathy & Family
Uncle Shawn & Family
Auntie Pam & Family
Shante' Baker
Coach Ra
Coach Kel
Nurse Spicer
Mrs. Kelly*

*Grandma Kate
Taahir Abdullah
Mahmud Abdullah
Aunt Sherry & Family
Uncle Buster & Family
Aasa Harris
Coach E
Coach Hak
Tamika Drake
Ms. Wilson
Hassanah Todd*

*University High School Security Staff
University High School Custodial Staff*

Congratulations to Jaylah Judd

Robert L. Thorne - "I may not be with you in the present but I will always be with you to guide you. Love you!"

Nana - Hey Jaylah, Keep being great. I am watching over you.

Tom - "Jay, I may not be there, but I know you've got this!" :-)

The Clark Family loves you Jaylah

To My Sister, You're a Genius! And, that's why I am always messing with you. Love, Tymir

To My Little Niece, Keep going strong Esq. I know you are going to be a strong defense lawyer.

Jaylah,
Congratulations!
Your hard work and perseverance have paid off and I am very proud of you. Looking forward to learning about your future plans and accomplishments.
Good Luck,
Mrs. Toni Auerbach

To My Daughter Jaylah

I've watched you grow from
Kindergarten. Take your work seriously
and carry that hard work ethic into
college. I pray you continue to grow and
bloom as a flower. The sky is the limit
baby girl.

Love, Mom



Congratulations to Yamia Bermudez

**You have proven to me that
with determination
and hard work,
you can achieve anything.**

**Remember,
the sky is the limit,
Pumpkin.
I'll be there through it all.
Love Always,
Dad**

**You have always made us
proud. It's only up from here.
Continue walking into your path
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